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El Al ceases flights today for first time in history of State

Foreign carriers to continue services

By ZEEV SCHUL, Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

El Al is grounding all its aircraft today. This will be the first time in the history of the State that Israel will become totally dependent on foreign carriers for all of its overseas passenger services. In a terse statement issued by the national carrier's spokesman a few minutes after midnight last night it was said that the company would be stopping all outgoing flights.

"This step was taken as the result of serious interferences with the regular operation of the company and the subsequent refusal of the staff committee of the maintenance workers to respond to the appeals made by the Government and El Al management," Arnold Sherman, the spokesman, said.

"El Al will resume its flights only after suitable conditions permitting the unimpared functioning of the company have been ensured," Mr. Sherman said.

The spokesman added that the company had already issued orders recalling all of the company's planes to Ben-Gurion Airport. The aircraft will be grounded upon their arrival here. He also said that the management had taken all the necessary steps to maintain Israel's air communications and had contacted foreign airlines to carry its passangers and freight.

Thousands of El Al tickets had already been endorsed to foreign carriers, he said.

El Al's flight stoppage will not, for the time being, interfere with the continued operation of the company, and there is no talk of closing down the company. Senior officials, however, refused to discuss further moves. It is understood here, however, that the grounding of the company's fleet may be only the first of a series of no-less drastic steps now being contemplated by the company management. These steps will also require Government approval.

Members of the strikers' staff committee repeatedly declared yesterday, that they were not indulging in any "go-slow" or other form of strike and that they were, instead, the victims of increased work pressure at the peak of the Christmas season, coupled with a chronic manpower shortage. In a radio interview the mechanics blamed the El Al management and said it was trying to "get even" with them to settle some old scores. They claimed that El Al was actually holding serviceable planes in the hangars. The delays, they said, were neither longer nor more frequent than the company's average record.

But their statements were refuted by the company spokesman who pointed that it had taken the mechanics just over 25 hours to change a Boeing 707 windshield instead of the five to seven hours it had taken the same crew of three to do this in the past. Visual inspection of a parked aircraft now took six hours instead of a normal two to three hours, removing a Boeing 747 engine took 26 hours — while it normally took 12-15 hours to both remove and replace such engines.

Yesterday's nine scheduled and one extra flight were from 90 minutes to four hours behind time. Some 1,000 passengers were flown out after having been served extra meals while waiting for their flights. "We weren't even able to abide by our make-shift time table which had already taken all conceivable delays into account — and the tally does not include the chaos caused to Israel-bound company flights. Many of the planes which left hours behind schedule here on Wednesday were unable to return the same night because of the noise-abatement rules prevailing at many European airports and which prevent take-offs later than 11 or 12 p.m. from such centres."

A typical delayed departure was that of flight 001 — a non-stop jumbo to New York which should have taken off at 8 a.m. but was in the air at only 10.45 a.m.

Repeated attempts by Histadrut officials to change the mechanics' attitude were unsuccessful. Their staff committee insisted that all they wanted was extra hands but an El Al spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that there had been some clear-cut "insinuations by staff committee members that what they really wanted was more money."

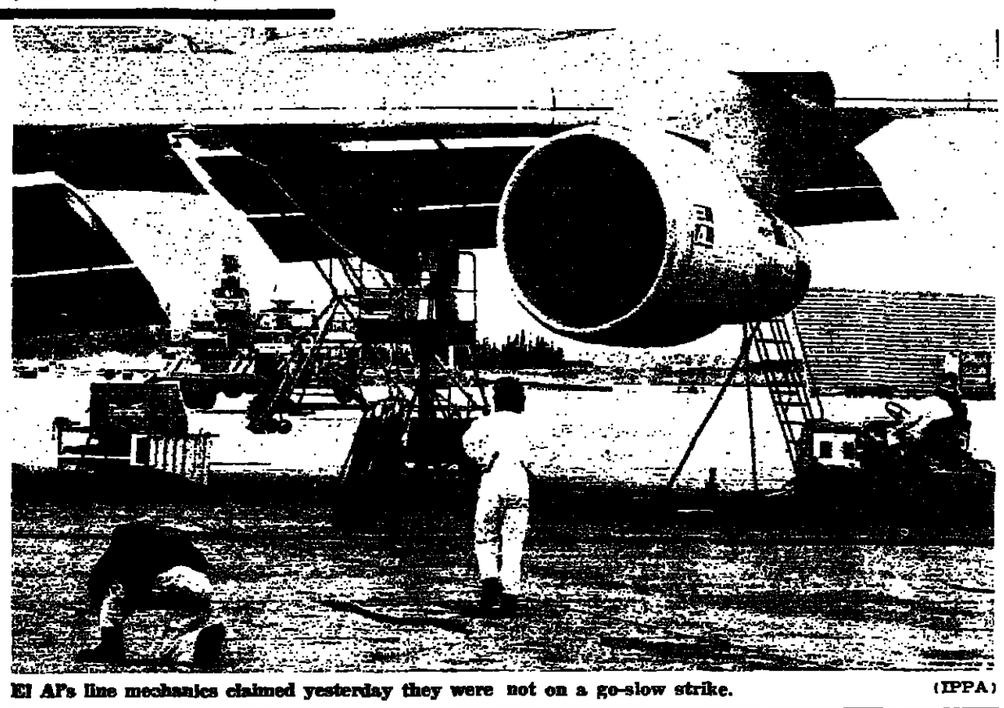
El Al's stand was equally clear-cut. "Our instructions are that if, by midnight tonight, it will emerge that this company can no longer function effectively we will have to suspend operations. As the situation is now we have lost control of our flight schedules. And that, in itself, is already an impossible situation," the company spokesman concluded.

Histadrut spokesman Shmuel Soler told *The Post* that the Labour federation was unlikely to change its attitude towards the strikers as spelled out by secretary-general Yeruham Meshel on Wednesday. It would refuse to recognise the strike, let alone offer the strikers its protection.

An all-afternoon session of the strikers with trade union executive Yehoshua Woschina, responsible for the El Al file in the Histadrut's Executive Committee, failed to yield any results.

Following his inconclusive meeting with the strikers staff committee yesterday afternoon, Mr. Woschina had another meeting with El Al President Mordechai Ben-Ari in an attempt to induce him to prolong the deadline given to the strikers by an additional 24 hours and meanwhile enable him to negotiate a settlement of the dispute.

Meanwhile, El Al continued with its preparations to meet all possible contingencies. This included the chartering of freighter aircraft to replace its own on Agrexco's agricultural export runs to Europe.



El Al's line mechanics claimed yesterday they were not on a go-slow strike. (IPPA)

Allon says:

'Egypt negotiations objectively possible'

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Interim talks with Egypt are "objectively possible," Foreign Minister Yigal Allon asserted here last night. "The mutual interest exists; the physical conditions make it feasible. Israel's readiness is assured... and authoritative Egyptian leaders, including President Sadat, have also lately been heard to speak — though not sufficiently unequivocally — in favour of a step-by-step approach. Complete pessimism, therefore, which declares that such negotiations are utterly impossible in the near future, seems exaggerated."

But while there was reason to hope that talks would be held, there was "room for serious concern that the gap between the Israeli and Egyptian demands will prove to be perhaps... too wide and too deep..." Mr. Allon feared. He pointed out, though, that "when the disengagement negotiations began, the gap was no less wide and nevertheless a road to compromise was found."

In a wide-ranging review of Israel's foreign policy, delivered at the opening session of an international symposium on the Middle East at Tel Aviv University's Shiloah Institute, Mr. Allon said that a second-stage accord with Egypt must involve Egyptian concessions "greater than those which Egypt granted in the... disengagement agreement."

It must involve, too, an Israeli withdrawal "which will be considerably less extensive than that which Israel would agree to within the framework of a peace treaty... The overall principle is clear: the depth of Israeli withdrawal must be directly proportional to the scope and significance of the Egyptian commitments, including the time period for which the agreement is to be effective."

Mr. Allon spoke in favour of "some kind of home rule" in areas of the West Bank which Israel would eventually be prepared to relinquish. He urged that a start be made "in the near future" on "the first steps of such a civilian government or at least the examination of the possibility of a start in the fields of education, labour, agriculture, etc." All this was founded on the hope, he said, that in time, "when the PLO is reduced to its proper size," important Arab elements on the West Bank "will wish to take their fate into their own hands..."

Jordan itself had carefully retained a "latent option" of returning to the West Bank issue in the future, and meanwhile there was room for negotiations with Amman "within the framework of an interim settlement" on normalizing relations across the 220 km. border between the Dead Sea and Eilat in the south, and across the common border at Beit Shean in the north.

Mr. Allon suggested possible Jordanian use of an Israeli Mediterranean port, coordination of development at Eilat and Akaba, and coordination of "the development plans of the two countries along the border areas of the Dead Sea."

The Foreign Minister listed the "peak" to which Arab bargaining power had reached, and "nadir" of the industrialized West, and Soviet encouragement of Arab extremism, as the principal problems facing Israeli foreign policy.

On the other hand, there was an objective American and Western interest in a strong and stable Israel, and this, together with sympathy for Israel in Western public opinion, meant that, in fact, "the whole world is not against us..."

Israel's basic aim was to attain full peace. Since the Arabs were "regrettably" unready for this, Israel sought primarily to prevent war, or, if this proved impossible, to postpone its outbreak "in the hope of eventually avoiding it."

If this too were impossible, then the aim was to limit the war to a "minimum of battlefronts." And if that were also impossible — then the aim was "to prevent the multiple-front from becoming a simultaneous one."

(Excerpts from Mr. Allon's address — page 4.)

'More shocking revelations' in Bergman case expected

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — More shocking revelations are expected to be made public within the next few days in the continuing investigation of Bernard Bergman, a wealthy American Jew with close ties to the Mizrachi organization here and the orthodox parties in Israel, who operates a chain of nursing homes in New York City, reportedly worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

According to well-informed sources, the investigations are expected to show substantial connections between the nursing homes industry in New York, much of which is owned by the Bergman family, with the Mafia.

Bergman, who is currently believed staying with relatives in Vienna, has been subpoenaed to appear before a New York investigatory commission examining alleged illegalities of the nursing homes, including illegal use of Medicaid funds to contribute to synagogues and Jewish charities, influential Republican and Democratic politicians and others.

"The New York Times" and the "Village Voice" have published a series of articles over the past three months, alleging serious misconduct on the part of Bergman and his nursing homes empire. John L. Hess, an investigative reporter for the "Times" who has written most of the reports, has publicly accused Bergman of "the most dreadful conduct" for exploiting poor Jews confined to the old-age homes.

In a letter last week to the "Jewish press," a New York City weekly newspaper, Hess said:

"The Bergman clan has long used religion as a shield for its operations. A dozen old residents of the Lower East Side have told me, and I have largely confirmed, heart-rending stories of the exploitation of poor Jews by the Bergmans and their associates in the former Sons and Daughters of Israel Home, and in other nursing homes and old people's residences."

Besides close connections with orthodox organizations in the United States and Israel, Bergman is also reported to be friends with Swiss financier Tibor Rosenbaum, whose bank recently collapsed, causing another scandal.

Bergman's attorney and chief lobbyist is Stanley Lowell, who also serves as chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, the umbrella group of most U.S. Jewish organizations involved in the struggle to help Soviet Jews emigrate.

Meyer Lansky and Joseph Colombo, both of whom are reputed underworld figures, are also reported connected with the nursing homes scandal, although specific details have not yet been brought to light.

The following general biography of Bergman appeared in "The New York Times" on October 9:

> Bergman, a tall, blue-eyed man with a tiny white goatee, was born in Hungary in 1911 and arrived in the United States in 1929. He is an ordained rabbi with a doctorate in Hebrew literature from Yeshiva University. He became chaplain and executive director of a non-profit nursing home on the Lower East Side of New York about 35 years ago.
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> In 1949 the president of that nursing home, Mr. Morris Cohen, bought the Yiddish-language "Jewish Morning Journal," and made Bergman the editor.
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> At that time, according to the "Times," Cohen was the target of a state suit charging him and other real estate operators with clearing $2,268,000 in illegal profits from overcharges on graves in a non-profit cemetery in Brooklyn.
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> The case was eventually dropped. Cohen sold the newspaper in 1951, after reportedly losing money, and Bergman returned to the real estate business. He then began buying nursing homes.

Lieut.-Gen. Abdel-Ghani Gamasi, the Egyptian Chief of Staff, was last night appointed War Minister in succession to Ahmed Ismail Aly, who died on Wednesday. A presidential decree said that President Sadat will swear in Gamasi today. (State funeral, page 5).

Noted singer, Farid al Atrash, dies at 59

BEIRUT (Reuter). — The well-known Egyptian singer, actor and musician Farid al Atrash died here last night, aged 59. He was taken to hospital here on Monday following a heart attack.

A hospital spokesman said the body would be flown to Cairo for burial alongside the musician's sister, Asmahan, one of the Arab world's famous singers who died many years ago.

Atrash, who was not married, has been suffering from a heart condition for about 20 years. Born in Syria, he belonged to the Druse clan of al Atrash.

Rabin: Not peace at any price

LYDDA. — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday that Israel "is ready to make efforts towards peace — but not peace at any price and under any conditions."

Mr. Rabin, speaking to thousands of Israel Aircraft Industries workers after a tour of their plants, said Israel stood firm politically. It will not give up anything that is vital to its security and to the attainment of peace, he said.

He stressed that the country was carrying out its struggle from a position of military strength greater than any it had ever known. "We are stronger, readier and more prepared psychologically than ever before for war, if it is forced on us," he said. "No one can panic us with threats of war, for we will stand firm and fight if we have to — and when we fight we shall win."

If there is another war, there is no certainty it will be the last, he continued. But Israel had won all its wars, some more, some less. Through building its strength Israel assured its existence, its chances, and perhaps the hope of some progress towards peace. *(Itim)*

Fahmy to Moscow tomorrow

CAIRO (UPI). — Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy will fly to Moscow tomorrow for talks with Soviet leaders, government sources said yesterday. Accompanying him will be one or two Cabinet ministers and Foreign Undersecretary Mohamed Riad.

The sources declined to comment on the purpose of the visit. Fahmy is expected to spend two or three days in Moscow and will return home in time for a policy coordination conference grouping Egypt, Syria, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization due to open in Cairo on January 1, the sources said.

Diplomatic circles said Fahmy's trip can be seen as part of the preparations for the visit of Soviet Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev to Cairo on January 14.

Yesterday, Brezhnev sent an "urgent message" to President Anwar Sadat, according to the official Middle East New Agency here.

U.S. knows nothing of Iran pilot training

WASHINGTON (JTA). — State Department spokesman Robert Anderson said yesterday that he had no information on reports that Egyptian pilots were being trained by Iran on American-made Phantom jets sold to the country.

"We have no reason to suppose that any transfer of arms is going on and we have not brought this subject up with the Iranian Government in recent months," Anderson said.

No negotiations over Capucci

TEL AVIV. — Justice Minister Haim Zadok said last night that there are no negotiations at present for the release or the deportation of Archbishop Capucci, sentenced to 12 years' jail for gun-running.

Mr. Zadok, speaking at Beit Sokolov, expressed surprise at a recent statement by the Vatican, which condemns violence in general terms, but makes no mention of Capucci's unlawful acts.

Warning against pressure groups in the economy

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz last night warned that if the government will not be able to resist pressure groups the very real threat of running down to the last dollar in our foreign reserves will loom over us. He was speaking at the secretariat meeting of the Labour Alignment economic committee here.

He was thankful that most of the public was aware of the gravity of the economic situation. With that he dwelt on the necessity of restraint for the country to be able to pay its way. He reiterated his demand for excising parts of the cost-of-living allowance payable to wage earners, warning that otherwise the national wage bill in 1975 will be bigger by IL7,000m.

He spoke of the importance of the Histadrut in helping to break through established restrictive labour practices. He came out against proposals (emanating from his ministry) to break the linkage on linked bonds. If that were done then IL4,000m. might go to speculative investments.

He defended government generosity to foreign investors in unlinked credits, noting that not so many foreigners were queueing up to invest in Israel.

Former Bank of Israel Governor David Horowitz urged wage restraint, called for abolition of all remaining food subsidies and cuts in social services. Histadrut treasurer Israel Kessar noted that the present government's economic policy has earned greater public confidence than previous ones. He attacked conflicting official statements on unemployment.

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Social and Personal

The Japanese Ambassador, Kazuhide Komuro, accompanied by the Embassy Counsellor, Jun Matsufuji, visited Tel Aviv University yesterday and met university president Prof. Yuval Ne'eman.

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At the annual meeting of the Daily Newspaper Publishers Association in Tel Aviv yesterday, the following were elected to the executive: S. Himelfarb, N. Moses, G. Neeman, Y. Karni, G. Rabinowitz and Y. Schocken.

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At the Cricket Association's recent eighth annual general meeting here, Ivan Kantor (of the Tel Aviv Cricket Club) was re-elected chairman for the fifth year. Others elected to the new executive were Gabriel Kandli (Petah Tikva), Harry Jonathan (Ashdod), Ralph Hadani and Mike Mohnblatt (both of Tel Aviv) and Barney Greenberg (Beersheba-Jerusalem), who was appointed the association's first national coach.

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Haifa Labour Council secretary Eliezer Molk is to speak on The Histadrut's Share in Economic Policy, at the Maritime and Economic Club, Zion Motel, at 1 o'clock today. Reservations by phone No. 511593.

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Rabbi Moshe Rose will be guest speaker at the Oneg Shabbat Forum (in English) at 8:30 tonight at Hechal Shlomo, Jerusalem. Mr. Zev Shatil of the Foreign Ministry will analyze the political situation. Cantor Arye Goldberg will conduct the singing of Shabbat zmirot.

A Melave Malka programme will be held at 8.00 p.m. tomorrow. Mr. Yoram Ettinger, of the Foreign Ministry, will be the guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Lendner will sing, and a film will be shown. The public is invited.

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An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held tonight at 9 at the Ihud Shivat Zion, 86 Rehov Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv (opposite the Deborah Hotel). Tourists are invited to meet Ya'akov Baror, a community leader; Alex Levine, a settler from South Africa; and Arie Chapman of Tour Ve'Aleh. Everyone welcome. Refreshments.

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The English-speaking Wizo group of Netanya is holding a dance at 8.00 p.m. tomorrow at Wizo House, 13 MacDonald St., Netanya. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

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BIRTH

MORAG-MARKUS — to Joanne and Raphael Morag-Markus, Ramat Gan, a daughter, Talia, December 21, 1974.

Three elderly pedestrians killed

Three elderly persons lost their lives in traffic accidents yesterday.

In Afula, a woman of about 65 did not manage to get clear of a bus from which she had just alighted and was crushed under its rear wheels. Her name has not yet been released. The bus driver is being held.

A man of 70, whose identity has not yet been established, was knocked down by a car as he crossed Rehov Hativat Golani in Haifa. He was taken to Rambam Hospital where his death was established.

Sisu Rubinstein, 84, of Acre, who was knocked down by a taxi on Tuesday, succumbed to his injuries at the Nahariya Hospital yesterday. The taxi was driven by Ya'acov Seba, 25, of Carmiel. *(Itim)*

Jail and 7½-year driving ban for car thief

NETANYA. — The Magistrate's Court here yesterday sentenced Shimon Hajaji, 18, to six months' imprisonment and banned him from receiving a driving licence for seven and a half years after convicting him of car theft and driving without a licence. Hajaji admitted stealing three cars while under an earlier, suspended sentence. *(Itim)*

ARRIVALS

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, from a visit to the U.S. and Canada.

The new Mexican Ambassador, Dr. Benito Berlin, to take up his post.

Mrs. Raya Jaglom, President of World Wizo, from Geneva.

Michael Arnon, president and chief executive officer of the Israel Bond Organization.

DEPARTURES

Mayor Beverly Briley of Nashville, Tennessee, and Hal B. Phillips, executive director of the Bethlehem Foundation, for the U.S., after ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Manger Square project in Bethlehem.

Yonatan Gabbai, chief dance instructor for the Haifa Municipal Dance Department, to teach Israel folkdance in Holland at the invitation of a Dutch folklore society.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy.
Outlook for Saturday: The same.
Weather synopsis: Weak trough from Red Sea to East Mediterranean.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	48	6—10	5—12
Golan	—	2—	3— 9
Nahariya	43	6—18	5—19
Safad	54	3— 8	4—10
Haifa Port	43	8—17	8—18
Tiberias	57	6—16	5—17
Nazareth	36	7—14	5—16
Afula	40	—17	3—18
Shomron	45	7—13	6—13
Tel Aviv	45	8—16	7—18
B-G Airport	38	7—18	6—18
Jericho	51	6—19	5—19
Gaza	62	10—17	7—19
Beersheba	53	8—14	4—17
Eilat	38	8—20	8—20
Tiran Straits	—	13—21	14—21

185 HOMES COMPLETED

Yamit — a city in the making

Yamit planner Yehuda Drexler shows Housing Minister Avraham Ofer the layout of the new city's school and kindergarten area. *(Emka)*

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAFAH COAST. — The wind-swept dunes fronting the barren plain here will soon give way to Israel's newest city — Yamit.

Officially, the spot is still referred to as "Rafah Approaches' Regional Centre." But a visit to the site and its swiftly-rising homes and commercial buildings convinces you that the Government meant business when it decided recently that three regions must receive top settlement priority — the Golan, the Jordan Rift-Arava and the Rafah Approaches.

The Government's consensus was disclosed here yesterday by Housing Minister Avraham Ofer, on his first official visit to Yamit-to-be and surrounding settlements. He said: "Our real need now is settlers, not places to settle. These three areas are vital to us politically and militarily. The (Gush Emunim) settlers who a few weeks ago insisted on squatting in Wadi Kelt should come here instead."

Mr. Ofer said he was "very, very impressed" by the progress at the Yamit site. Already, 185 out of 350 first-phase residence units are nearly completed, and will be ready for occupancy next summer. By the time next year's school season commences, the seaside town will have two kindergartens, a primary school and three sections of the commercial and industrial centre.

According to Shlomo Avni, chief of the Ministry's rural development division, Yamit's first citizens will be Regular Army men and their families, two groups of American and Soviet immigrants who have been waiting for entry about six months, and several Israel families whose breadwinner is a professional or craftsman needed to serve the community.

The remaining 166 housing units of phase one are expected to be ready by March 1976.

Taking the wraps off the wider Yamit plan, chief planner Yehuda Drexler said later stages will bring the total number of homes to 1,500. They will all be within an area of one square kilometre, with rapid roadways serving as boundaries. Except for a service road leading to the school and commercial area, all roadways will be pedestrian malls.

Yamit could have quite a future," he said. "It's summer most of the year, which makes the arable land ideal for off-season vegetable and flower growing. The sea floor does not drop sharply, which means it is an ideal summer vacation spot.

"Yamit lies about 100 km. south of Tel Aviv, which is approximately the same distance as from Haifa to Tel Aviv. Yamit could become the holiday centre for Beersheba and all of the Negev. If peace comes, Yamit could become a great Mediterranean seaside city, in the coastal line that begins with Beirut in the North."

Mr. Ofer reported that, by the end of 1975, approximately IL100m. will have been spent in developing Yamit and its environs. This development includes not only housing construction but laying in the infrastructure as well — roads, water lines and sewage disposal systems.

To safeguard against coastal pollution, effluent will go to treatment plants and oxygenation ponds. The recycled water will be used for crop irrigation, and the Jewish National Fund will plant trees to arrest shifting of the dunes.

During a visit to nearby Moshav Sadot, Ofer disclosed that plans for two kibbutzim and another moshav are already on the drawing boards, to be sited within the Rafah Approaches. At present, there are four moshavim there — Ogda, Dikla, Netiv Ha'Asara and Sadot. In addition, there are two small settlements serving as regional administrative centres for these four moshavim. There are also three Nahal outposts in the area — Darom, Morag and Nezarim.

Settlers catch Minister's ear

By MORDECHAI ZASLOW
Jerusalem Post Reporter

YAMIT. — A protest rally staged here yesterday by families calling themselves the "Pioneers of Yamit" proved successful when Housing Minister Avraham Ofer agreed to meet with the Americans who say they have been trying to see him for the past four months.

While being briefed on the housing plans for the region, the Minister agreed to talk to the Americans about their complaints. At the same time, the Minister announced that he had appointed a temporary "mayor" for Yamit, beginning next month, thus answering the complaint that there was no one person to whom the Americans could direct their questions concerning the area.

The group of 15 families has been living in the Beersheba absorption centre for the last six months. They claim they have been ignored by Government officials ever since they came to Israel, expressly to settle at Yamit.

Mrs. Sarah Feifel, president of the group, asserts they have been frustrated every time they wanted to discuss the area and in their efforts to find an individual responsible for making decisions.

Haifa school lightens satchels

HAIFA. — Parents at the Yezre'ela elementary school here have found a simple solution for relieving the heavy burden of school books under which their youngsters often stagger to school. They have arranged with teachers that pupils sharing the same bench also share books and divide the number each has to bring to school.

Parents have often complained that children sometimes have to carry schoolbags whose weight is almost half that of the child.

ISRAEL WEEKLY LOTTERY 1st PRIZE HALF MILLION
מפעל הפיס

'Drugs down the River' probe goes on

'Gugu' and 'Mumu' in court for having hashish, dinars

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The identities of two persons arrested early this month on drug charges were made public yesterday, after their lawyer persuaded District Court Judge Dov Levine to lift the ban on the publication of their names and the charges against them.

The police opposed this move, but the judge emphasized that the ban on publicity still applied to all other suspects in the case, as well as on the proceedings in the court.

The pair named are Yossi "Gugu" Nidam, 27, and Shlomo "Mumu" Azari, 27, both fishermen from Tiberias. Both are charged with the possession of drugs (3.3 grams of hashish and 5.6 grams of opium). In addition, Nidam was charged with trying to avoid arrest and attacking a policeman, while Azari was charged with possession of foreign currency (21 bills of 10 Jordanian dinars and six $100 bills). Lawyer Ze'ev Barom represented them in court.

Police are continuing to maintain a blackout on their investigation into large-scale drug smuggling involving Jordanians floating the drugs across the Jordan River and Israel smugglers, disguised as fishermen, "fishing" the drugs out of the river.

It was learned, however, that police, with the aid of Interpol, searching for a "foreign" link, is believed that most of the record haul of 300 kilos of hashish found in September was meant for consumption outside of Israel.

Police sources said that, because of the intensive campaign launched last April against drugs, there is an acute shortage of hashish.

Taxi driver, 68, held; wife knifed

TEL AVIV. — A Holon taxi driver, aged 68, has been arrested on suspicion of attempting to murder his wife.

The man had been on bad terms with his wife for several years. The wife, 59, had recently obtained an attachment against his cab.

In the course of a violent argument about this attachment, the husband yesterday allegedly pulled a knife and stabbed his wife in various parts of her body. She was taken to Donolo Hospital where she was operated on. *(Itim)*

Boy finds arms cache in capital

Following a tip from a young boy, police yesterday discovered a cache of ammunition in an abandoned house on Rehov P'ri Hadash, near Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda. The cache contained 14 handgrenades without detonators, small arms ammunition, shell cases, cans of chemicals and car spare parts.

Card players uncover legal 'ace in hole'

TEL AVIV. — The Treasury may have to return hundreds of thousands of pounds — impounded from people caught taking part in games of chance, following a court decision that such seizures are unlawful.

After Magistrate's Court Judge Nehemia Behr yesterday fined Haziel Meisel IL1,500 for running an illegal card game, the prosecution routinely asked that the several hundred pounds found by police at the game be impounded. At this juncture defence counsel Meir Rom surprised the courtroom by demanding that the money be returned to Meisel.

Mr. Rom argued that, while the law permits the impounding of the goods and moneys seized in a game of chance, a sub-clause specifies that the court may impound all articles used in an illegal game, except *money*. The lawyer convinced the court that, although the general ruling includes money in its itemized list, the existence of a special sub-clause exempting money makes it mandatory that this sub-clause be applied, rather than the general ruling.

Judge Behr accepted the lawyer's plea and announced that he would rescind his own earlier ruling in a similar case last week.

He said that the legal situation was not satisfactory, but relief could be sought only through legislative amendment. *(Itim)*

Ex-Latins call for mass immigration

The Association of Latin American Immigrants in Israel called yesterday on their brothers back in Central and South America to come immediately *en masse* to Israel. The group, which says it speaks for 50,000 former Latin-Americans in the country, said this was the only fitting response to Egyptian Foreign Minister Fahmy's recent demand that Israel suspend immigration for 50 years. It issued its call in a cable to the Latin American desk at the Jewish National Fund in Jerusalem.

A PUBLIC MUSIC library, with records and scores for home loan, opened in the Jerusalem Central Public Library at Beit Ha'am, at the beginning of this month. The service is open on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; it was made possible by Mrs. Dora Belen-Monk, who has transferred much of her private collection to it.

Moshe Halevy, founder of Ohel

TEL AVIV. — Veteran theatre director Moshe Halevy, one of the first members of Habimah and the founder of the Ohel Theatre, died here yesterday morning. He was 79.

The body will lie in state from 11 a.m. on Sunday in the foyer of Ohel hall, from which the funeral cortege will leave at 1.30 for the Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

As long-time artistic director of the now-defunct Ohel, Halevy staged scores of plays, many of them classics. He was instrumental in getting the modern Hebrew theatre under way, and trained a whole generation of actors.

He is survived by his wife, the actress Leah Deganit, and their daughter, the singer Ohela Halevy.

Bereaved chide anti-Dayan demonstrators

The Public Council for Comemmorating the Soldier — an organization of bereaved parents — yesterday dissociated itself from the way in which a group of parents disrupted former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan's lecture at Bar-Ilan University eight days ago.

In a statement to the press, the Council said that it had met in response to many requests and held a thorough discussion. Almost all members of the Council had agreed that the style of the demonstration had violated the Israel way of life and the good public order which is the basis of the state.

They called on the bereaved to show self-restraint and to serve as an example to the younger generation. The battle of opinions in no way authorizes people to use violence or to take the law into their own hands, they declared.

Bar-Lev would yield most of Golan — for political pact

Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev personally favours far-reaching concessions in the Golan — but only in return for serious political agreements "and then not all the way to the Jordan."

The former general told a closed meeting of Labour Party student activists in Jerusalem earlier this week that he was also ready to give up the Abu Rodeis oil field in Sinai. But again, "only for the most solid return."

The majority of the Labour Party ministers in the Cabinet, he said — perhaps all of them — were prepared to make concessions everywhere in the West Bank except East Jerusalem — providing the Jordan River remained Israel's security border. They were also ready to give up not inconsiderable parts of Sinai, provided this was linked to demilitarization, to ending economic warfare and support of terrorism, and to a long-term agreement, among other things.

After stating that Israel was prepared to make territorial compromises on all fronts, he stressed that one of the most difficult questions was Jerusalem, "which is also a serious problem in our dialogue with the U.S."

Asked about Jewish settlement, Bar-Lev said that the longer the Arab states put off making a settlement with Israel in exchange for territory Israel is offering, "the more the Israeli presence in the territories is likely to spread."

He offered as an example the Ma'ale Adumim project between Jerusalem and Jericho. "A year ago it wasn't there; a year from now it will be. We told the Jordanians this several times."

French Labour Minister Michel Durafour conversing with a teacher during his visit to the Ort school in Jerusalem's Rehov Hanevi'im, yesterday. (Beron)

Visiting Minister:

France deeply admires Israel

Jerusalem Post Staff

French Labour Minister Michel Durafour said yesterday that France had a deep admiration for Israel and its achievements, and he pledged full support for Israel's achieving secure and recognized borders.

The Minister, who is here for a five-day visit, said this in an interview for Israel Radio's French-language section.

During a luncheon at the Knesset yesterday given him by his Israel opposite number, Moshe Baram, Mr. Durafour noted that he had come as Mayor of St. Etienne — to sign a sister-cities pact with Upper Nazareth. But, he said, the fact of his presence indicated the French Government's approval of the visit. He hoped the good relations between St. Etienne und Upper Nazareth would expand to embrance all of France and Israel.

Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, in welcoming the visitor, hoped the present misunderstanding between the two countries would be ended. He asked Mr. Durafour to carry back to his colleagues his impressions.

Soviet cage squad won't battle for European Cup

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Soviet Central Army Sports Club basketball team yesterday withdrew from the European Cup for Champions competition in which it was due to meet Tel Aviv Maccabi in Tel Aviv and Moscow in the quarter-finals round in February.

The Soviet team's withdrawal received a mixed reaction here. There was disappointment that local basketball fans will not see the Soviet team at Yad Eliahu and that Tel Aviv Maccabi will not appear in Moscow. However, there was new hope that the Tel Aviv team will now reach the semi-finals of the European competition.

In the quarter-finals, Tel Aviv Maccabi will face the champions of Spain, France, Holland and Belgium, with the first two of the group to enter the semi-finals. Real Madrid will provide Maccabi with the toughest opposition, but the Tel Aviv squad has excellent chances of beating Bork of France, Rotterdam and the Swedes.

A Soviet squad last played against Israel in the European Basketball Championships in Barcelona, just before the Yom Kippur War.

An official statement from Moscow said: "We have refused to participate in this competition for three reasons — our country's team should be fittingly prepared for the 1975 Soviet League Championship, the competitive time-table within the Soviet Union is too intensive, and there are financial difficulties."

In addition, a spokesman for the Soviet Basketball Federation said the team withdrew on the grounds that the opposition is too weak.

RUGBY

The Hebrew and Tel Aviv universities meet tomorrow at the National University stadium, Jerusalem, in a Rugby League fixture.

At Haifa's Neve Sha'anan stadium, the Technion meets Ramat Gan. Both games kick-off at 1 o'clock.

THE CRICKET Association is to take up with the International Cricket Conference the failure of the Pakistan Cricket Board of Control to invite Israel to the founding meeting of the Asian Cricket Confederation in Lahore, earlier this month.

English soccer surprise

LONDON (UPI). — Bottom-placed Luton Town turned the English soccer form book upside down yesterday with a 1-0 victory over the first division leaders, Ipswich Town.

Paul Futcher scored the only goal of the match to rob Ipswich of the number one position, which was taken over by Liverpool.

Results of yesterday's Division One English League matches:

Arsenal 1 Chelsea 2
Carlisle 1 Newcastle 2
Coventry 2 Stoke 0
Derby 2 Birmingham 1
Ipswich 0 Luton 1
Leeds 2 Burnley 2
Liverpool 4 Manchester City 1
Middlesbrough 1 Sheffield United 0
Queens Park Rangers 4 Leicester 2
West Ham 1 Tottenham 1
Wolverhampton 2 Everton 0.

Arafat predicts Israel blitzkrieg

BEIRUT (UPI). — PLO leader Yasser Arafat said in an interview published yesterday that Israel is planning a blitzkrieg offensive against Syria and south Lebanon. The U.S., he said, will seize the opportunity to occupy Arab oil fields.

Arafat's statements to an Indian correspondent were distributed here by the Palestinian news agency Wafa.

Arafat said: "There is an American-Israeli conspiracy. Israel will launch a blitzkrieg war against Syria and south Lebanon, while the United States seizes the opportunity to occupy Arab oil wells.

"The American-Israeli plan is being implemented now," he said. "Joint military manoeuvres are being held in the American desert, with the specific aim of training American soldiers in desert warfare."

In another interview, with the magazine "Sayyad," the head of the Syrian-backed e-Saeka terrorists said he expects the Soviet Union to withdraw recognition of Israel and seek its expulsion from the UN.

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SHIPPERS AND EXPORTERS CHARGE

'Ministry drags feet on strikes in essential services'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Shippers Council and exporters are to meet on Monday on the serious losses caused by partial strikes in essential public services, and on the Labour Ministry's lack of firm action against the workers.

The council made public yesterday an exchange of letters with the Labour Ministry to document ministry evasiveness in dealing with breakdowns of public services due to unauthorized work stoppages.

On November 1, in the wake of partial strikes in Haifa Port which held up the flow of goods, the Shippers Council reminded the Labour Minister that on October 20, he was asked to examine the possibility of additional legislation on labour disputes in esssential services.

The council, in a letter on October 28, asked the Minister to initiate legislation to stop strikes in the ports and on Israel merchant ships, at least during emergency periods, and to define ports and ships as security areas for the purposes of labour disputes.

Last week, the council received a reply from the Labour Ministry's legal department: "Despite the gravity of the labour disputes in shipping and the ports, we do not believe there is any justification for initiating legislation so severe in character as described in your letter. We are however examining other proposals for legislation."

Council secretary Arieh Mehulal said yesterday the El Al maintenance personnel's strike and the damage it caused once more illustrated the need for legislative action in essential services.

In Ashdod Port, three different groups of workers are holding up the flow of goods: administrative personnel, Citrus Marketing Board employees and truckers delivering export fruit to the port. Athough imports have slumped, six freighters are now held up at Ashdod "without any justification," Mr. Mehulal said.

As a result of the disputes and resultant delays in Ashdod this week, four ships were diverted to Haifa.

The Chamber of Shipping appealed to the Congestion Committee this month to raise the IL10 per-ton compensation to importers for diverted cargo to IL14, in view of the higher trucking charges. Last week, the committee approved the new rate retroactive from December 1.

Soviet Jews must escape or vanish

Soviet Jewry is doomed: Those who are unable to get out will disappear through forced assimilation, says VICTOR POLSKY, who describes the travails of Soviet Jewish intellectuals in this interview with SRAYA SHAPIRO.

Victor Polsky on his arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport on Tuesday (Simionsky).

TEL AVIV. — Victor Polsky, the Moscow aliya activist who arrived in Israel with his family on Tuesday, pledges to do all he can to help Soviet Jews who wish to leave to do so. "Soviet Jewry is doomed, anyhow. The policy of forceful assimilation has not abated. A Jew who wants to live as a Jew must get out. "He came here to live as a Jew, Polsky told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

"To be a Jew" does not have religious connotations for him. It is rather a matter of origins, of belonging. He felt completely Jewish in Russia, though he was raised by parents who were not religious at all, and who believed sincerely the great Revolution would bring salvation to Jews along with all humankind. Victor was born in 1930, and when war started, moved with his parents to the Ural Mountains. Back in Moscow after the war, he followed the normal course of a Soviet boy with a gift for study; he took up physics at the university.

Those were the days of Stalin and of the "Doctors' Plot." "We were nervous. We knew something was in the air. We did not know about the deportation plans, but we knew it was becoming not only uncomfortable but dangerous to be a Jew." The "miracle" of Stalin's death stopped the process, but did not reverse it. It was hard for a Jewish graduate to find work in the profession he had studied for. That was real tragedy.

"A Russian Jew may forgo a higher salary and a better home, but he feels frustrated if he cannot work in his profession," Polsky says. And this attitude, incidentally, explains many of the complaints expressed by Soviet immigrants in Israel. He was lucky enough personally, for he found work as laboratory director in a factory, controlling measurement apparatus.

Professional status, Polsky explains, has a definite economic value. A good professional gets 150 rubles a month, a doctor is paid 120, a budding engineer 100. Salaries drop sharply to the average 50 rubles in non-academic professions. "Many of my colleagues had to take jobs much below the standard for which their studies qualified them."

And it was becnuse they were Jews.

Indeed, any professional, any member of the intellegentzia in the Soviet Union, learns to live within certain bounds, if he wants to survive. But Jews have far narrower limits to move in. There are things which they may not do, if they wish to avoid trouble. And the limits of intellectual freedom change constantly. "Some Jews try to escape the bounds by marrying a Russian girl, hoping that their children, at least, will not suffer from restrictions. But they are often wrong. For when the authorities discover the true lineage, the path of advancement of these young people is frustrated."

In 1968, the Russian democrats tried to revolt. "They did it splendidly and boldly, but they paid heavily," Polsky says. Many of the group now live abroad, others are still in labour camps, and a few others gave up and keep quiet. "But their example had given us, the Jews, a lead. We realized that we stood a chance of changing the official attitudes towards us by acting boldly and intelligently." The impact of the Six Day War was fresh, and the Jews of the Soviet Union felt deeply involved.

However, had it not been for the wholehearted support of Jews abroad, the Jewish struggle would have been curbed quickly, Polsky insists. "We tried to inform public opinion abroad of every case of unjustified action against the Jews." This itself involved risks.

"One's life in Russia is quiet and regulated, but uncertain. The harassments are many and prolonged. They vary at times: You may not get your mail, or your phone is cut off, or there is a police agent at your heels. You can never be sure when the police will seize you, and what trumped-up charges may be filed against you. There are police visits at your home. The authorities insist you are a public liability because you do not work — but work is, of course, denied to persons who apply for an emigration visa."

Mr. Polsky himself lost his job three and a half years ago; his wife Elena stopped working before that. The uncertainty of every next moment puts a heavy moral pressure on the man who declares his wish to go to Israel. "Many hesitate because they fear they will not be able to bear tension." The Polskys survived. Elena did knitting for friends; Victor gave private lessons. There was some help from abroad, too.

"To leave Russia is a costly affair," Polsky reveals. The authorities charge 900 rubles for the renunciation of Soviet citizenship and the exit papers. The emigrant has to renovate the flat which he leaves to the State. And he pays the air ticket, too. The expenses are about 1,500 rubles per adult, Polsky figures. "It is a lot of money; many families cannot afford it."

Mr. Polsky does not believe for a moment that if emigration policy is eased, few Jews would avail themselves of the opportunity. The drop in emigration this year he attributes to Soviet authorities, not to Jewish reluctance to leave. It was noted recently that in the provinces, where exit visas were usually granted without much difficulty, the authorities began applying the harassing tactics known in the big towns. "One has yet to see whether the Jackson Amendment does any good. Even if it does, this will not be visible at once. The rulers of the USSR are extremely touchy on matters of prestige."

Muscovites quote The Jerusalem Post

The Jerusalem Post is very much quoted by Moscow Jews, Victor Polsky said yesterday. If, by a miracle, a copy of this paper gets through, it is read avidly from A to Z, until the very newsprint disintegrates.

Mr. Polsky himself can make himself understood in English. One can get English lessons easily in Moscow, he said. "And Hebrew lessons, too."

Middle East's first Arabic public library

The first all-Arabic public library in either Israel or the neighbouring countries opened yesterday at Tarshiha, in Galilee, with Education and Culture Minister Aharon Yadlin in attendance.

Mr. Yadlin said his Ministry plans to open further Arabic public libraries in Tamra, Lydda, Acre and Nazareth. Expressing his hope that the new library will contribute towards Jewish-Arab cooperation, the Minister said: "We want peace, and we hope the Arab population in Israel will continue to be loyal to the state and serve as a bridge towards finding a solution to the conflict rather than deepening it."

Gaza Strip mosques crowded for feast

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA.—Mosques have been crowded in the Gaza Strip and nearly all shops closed during the Id el-Adha feast, which began on Wednesday, indicating the festival is being more religiously celebrated than in recent years.

Gifts were distributed to children in the Children's Hospital here by the area military commander, Tat-Aluf David Maimon, and by area health officials. Tat-Aluf Maimon paid courtesy calls on Gaza Strip notables.

The Ministry for Social Welfare advanced the payments of benefits from the end of the month to the beginning of the holiday and some 4,000 government employees received a IL400 salary advance.

Former Gaza mayor Rashad el-Shawa and other Gaza notables visited prisons, talking with the inmates and distributing sweets.

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8 arrested in murder and kidnap case

ACRE. — Eight men, including two soldiers in a minorities unit, were remanded in custody for 15 days by the Magistrates Court here yesterday on suspicion of kidnapping a girl, killing her sister and injuring her brother.

Police claim that the eight planned to kidnap a 17-year-old girl, Sabbah Fadel Hatib, so that one of their group, Mahmud Fuas, 22, could marry her. The girl's family had earlier objected to the match and she had become engaged to another man.

On Tuesday night, the eight, including the two soldiers armed with an Uzi and a Kalachnikov gun, allegedly entered the house of the girl in the village Kabul in Galilee and attempted to abduct her. The girl's older brother and her younger sister tried to stop them and in the ensuing melée, the sister, Fahriya, 15, was killed and her brother was injured. The soldier, Omer Shebaniani, 21, is suspected of having fired the fatal shots from his Kalachnikov. He later told police that someone had attacked him with a knife and that he then fired several shots into the air.

Police arrested all eight suspects within 24 hours and returned the kidnapped girl to her home.

White House gate-crasher had Messianic delusions

WASHINGTON. — Officials say they expect to review and improve White House security because of the Christmas morning gate-crashing by a self-proclaimed "Messiah," who kept guards at bay for hours with bogus explosives.

Treasury Secretary William E. Simon said the incident, which came 10 months after a young soldier crashed a stolen Army helicopter on the White House lawn, demonstrates the need "to see how similar things could be prevented from happening again."

Simon also commended the Secret Service, a Treasury Department Agency, for its "professional" handling of Wednesday's intruder, who rammed his automobile through a closed White House gate. President Gerald Ford and his family were away on a skiing vacation at the time.

No shots were fired during the tense four-hour confrontation as the man, wearing makeshift Arab garb and wired to what guards feared were explosives, stood near the north portico where presidents frequently greet visiting foreign dignitaries.

The intruder spoke in Arabic, and the Secret Service had to summon an interpreter.

After he surrendered, agents found that the intruder, identified as Marshall H. Fields II, 25, of nearby Silver Springs, Maryland, had no explosives. He was taken to a mental hospital for observation.

The Secret Service said Fields was the son of Marshall L. Fields, a former official of the U.S. Agency for International Development, who died last May. He had served as an education specialist in Iraq, Libya and the Sudan.

The younger Fields, who learned Arabic while living abroad with his parents, began acting erratically after his father's death, friends said. In a rambling statement mailed recently to several Washington-area news organizations, a man identifying himself as Fields had indicated he would take some sort of action against the government on Christmas Day, declaring, "I am the Messiah to those who wish to believe."

There was no explanation as to why Fields wanted to see the Pakistani envoy during the negotiations, and embassy officials said they had never heard of Fields.

A Secret Service spokesman said the response of agents on Wednesday would have been different if Ford or members of his family had been at the White House. He didn't say what agents would have done, but did say Fields could have been stopped before he reached the building. They also said Fields' name was on Secret Service files before Wednesday's incident, but they would not say in what connection.

(A.P. Reuter)

Crack-down on using flats for offices

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — People who acquire flats in residential neighbourhoods for the purpose of using them as offices will now be liable to fines.

Deputy Mayor Yigal Griffel has instructed the city's building inspectors to issue summonses when they find offices in areas officially classified as residential. The inspectors have been told to concentrate on this problem and crack down on every new case that they find.

It was reported that the number of offices in residential neighbourhoods has increased in recent months. The reasons given were a shortage of low-cost office space in town, with many firms preferring to take over old flats in the city centre rather than move into expensive office buildings.

However, in cases where it is warranted, the city may change the classification from residential neighbourhood to a mixed neighbourhood, allowing use of buildings for both flats and offices.

Merchants face 'sanctions' on clearing goods

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Customs Directorate has stopped clearing goods and the granting of credit for all merchants who have failed to submit statements on the stock they held on November 10, the day the pound was devalued.

Customs Director David Pelled announced the "sanctions" in a letter last week to the Chamber of Commerce. He explained that the final date for submitting the stock list was November 24, but that a number of firms didn't comply.

"We are now taking action against them," Mr. Pelled wrote, "with the first step being to halt clearance of all goods and to deny them all forms of credit granted to those owing money to Customs authorities."

The Chamber was asked to circulate the notice of the "sanctions" among its members. The secretary of the Chamber of Shipping reported that its executive approved of the action.

Man shot when police stop El Arish feud

EL ARISH. — A man was shot in the leg when police broke up a fight between two families here on Wednesday night. The police arrested four men after being stoned by feuding members of the Shurbai and Kashah families, who apparently on Wednesday attempted to settle a month-old land dispute with sticks and knives.

The man who was shot had attempted to take a pistol from one of the policemen.

J'lem shop sign fee limit IL 100

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Mayor of Jerusalem backtracked yesterday — by several hundred per cent — on the municipality decision to raise the fee charged shopkeepers for outdoor signs.

A spokesman said that Mayor Teddy Kollek will ask the Municipal Council to put a IL100 ceiling on such fees in the coming year. However, fees already more than IL100 will not be lowered.

Merchants had already received bills calling for increases of as much as 1,000 per cent in their sign fees — from IL30 to IL342 in a typical instance. The Jerusalem Merchants Association warned this week that its members would not pay. An association spokesman could not be reached last night for comment on the Municipality's new approach. A Municipal spokesman made it clear that the IL100 ceiling would be progressively raised in future years.

Boy, 13, suspected of killing sister

HEBRON. — A 13-year-old boy was arrested here yesterday on suspicion of having slain his 18-year-old sister with a knife.

Nadiya Muhmad Shoheen, of the village of Khirbet Harsa, south of here, was found dead in her house yesterday morning, with multiple knife wounds. Police arrested her younger brother, but so far could not establish a motive for the murder. *(Itim)*

De Jean loses leg; terrorist grenade smashed thigh

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

De Jean Replogle, the 16-year-old American girl injured by a grenade in Sunday's terrorist attack on a pilgrim bus in Azariya, lost her right leg yesterday despite intensive efforts to save it.

A surgical team, headed by Prof. Myer Makin, of Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital, amputated the leg above the knee. De Jean's condition was reported as "satisfactory — normal for an operation like this." The girl will have to remain at Hadassah for several weeks to recuperate.

An earlier operation, lasting 12 hours and performed immediately after her arrival at the hospital, attempted to treat a ruptured artery and a fractured femur. However, amputation was found necessary because, said her doctor, the grenade fragments "caused havoc with the veins, muscles and arteries in her thigh."

De Jean and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Replogle of Jacksonville, Florida, are said to be coping with the tragedy with the help of their religious faith. "Devout Baptists, they accept the tragedy as the will of God and are grateful that the terrorist attack didn't result in even greater losses," said a hospital spokesman.

De Jean, a member of the Main Street Baptist Church in Jacksonville, was the only person in the pilgrim group to be injured when a grenade was hurled at their bus outside St. Lazarus Church in Azariya. A local man standing nearby was slightly scratched in the face from shrapnel.

Bouquets of flowers — sent by De Jean's Florida high school and her 16-year-old boyfriend—filled her hospital room yesterday. She was visited by Baptist clergy, American consulate officials and Tourism Minister Moshe Kol. A ministry employee was assigned to her family, who are staying at the hospital, to provide assistance. Hospital bills are being paid for by the National Insurance Institute.

A police spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that all of the 20 persons detained for questioning after the attack have been released, but the investigation is continuing.

Most of the Christian pilgrims who have arrived in Israel for the holiday have not been deterred by terrorist threats against them or by the Azariya attack. "They say the same thing could have happened anywhere, including their home," a Tourism Ministry spokesman reported. Three- to five-star hotels in both East and West Jerusalem are nearly full, he continued.

The only group to return home prematurely were 1,200 passengers, including 900 schoolchildren, of the Uganda, a British ship, whose owners cancelled a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and cut short their Israel visit from four days to one. Apparently, parents put pressure on the company to curtail the pilgrimage because they worried about terrorist activity. When the ship docked at Haifa, the captain was told by the British Embassy that there was no reason that the passengers should not land, but the shipping company did not revise its instructions.

Soviet olim to entertain Americans

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — A giant troupe of 107 Soviet immigrant entertainers left here yesterday for a 49-city tour of the U.S., under Jewish Agency and Absorption Ministry sponsorship.

The troupe, which includes a large choir, dancers, instrumentalists and actors, will perform in Hebrew and Yiddish. "We haven't a single Russian song or dance," one member told reporters.

Students want only one kind of Sabbath

RAMAT GAN. — Students at the religious-based Bar-Ilan University yesterday attacked the Government plan to have a car-less day every other Shabbat, as harming the nature of the day.

The students praised the car-less day idea, proposed by the Committee of Ministers on Saving Fuel and Electricity. But they said making it only every other Sabbath would create an undesirable distinction between "secular Sabbaths" and "religious Sabbaths." *(Itim)*

HEBREW U. PRIZE TO HARVARD MAN

The Hebrew University's 1974 Rabbi Shai Shacknai Memorial Prize in Immunology and Cancer Research has been awarded to Prof. Baruj Benacerraf of Harvard Medical School.

Prof. Benacerraf this week delivered the Shacknai Memorial Lectures at the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Medicine.

The guest lectureship and prize were established in 1971 by Frank Lautenberg of New Jersey to commemorate the Jerusalem-born rabbi of the Wayne, New Jersey, Jewish community, who died of cancer at the age of 38.

BIBLE REFLECTIONS

The book reviewed by David Solomon in the December 20 *Jerusalem Post Magazine* is called "Hagut Bamikra — Reflections on the Bible: Selected Studies of the Bible Circle in Memory of Yishai Ron," edited by Meir Hovav, and published by Am Oved, Tel Aviv, and not as erroneously stated.

5,000 Guards in Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Some 5,000 residents of this city have volunteered for the Civil Guard and have been given arms training, but more are needed, local police chief Nitzav-Mishne Mordechai Ron said last night. He was one of the speakers at a municipality-sponsored meeting on Organization for Emergency. The O.C. Haifa district, Aluf-Mishne Eitan Shimshoni, said the Civil Guard had been effective in thwarting acts of terrorism.

CURRENCY IN circulation fell last week by IL35,931,783, to stand at IL3,372m. Of this IL278m. is covered by gold and the rest by foreign currency reserves.

PAYIS WINNERS

The IL500,000 grand prize in the Mifal Hapayis lottery was drawn yesterday by ticket No. 599222.

No. 040413 won IL250,000.

No. 313209 won IL100,000.

Nos. 333957 and 336690 won IL50,000.

Nos. 501276 and 616449 won IL12,500.

Nos. 014081, 355440, 404811 and 721450 won IL6,250.

Tickets ending in 9 and 4 won IL6.

150 ARGENTINIAN Jewish-high-school pupils arrived on Wednesday for a two-month stay, including study in Israel high schools, tours, and visits to kibbutzim. The youths, all of whom speak Hebrew, will stay with local high-schoolers; the visit is sponsored by the World Zionist Organization.

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Even when war seems more and more possible, it should not be thought inevitable: Allon

Egypt holds the key, but stand is unclear

Here are excerpts from the address given by Foreign Minister Yigal Allon at the opening last night of the international symposium on the Middle East, being held at the Shiloah Institute at the University of Tel Aviv.

Israel's foreign policy is now at one of its most difficult and complex moments in its history. The political struggle we have faced during the last 14 months and the struggles — political and perhaps not only political, we may expect in the next few years — may be the most difficult we have ever encountered since the start of the Jewish national revolution embodied in the return to Zion.

The factors which hamper our policy are well known. The bargaining power of the Arab camp in general is at its peak, and in all that concerns Israel it strives for a more united front than on any other problem. Arab bargaining power is incomparably stronger than at any other period in modern history. Several of the Arab States possess the greatest reserves of oil in the world. They have huge capital at their disposal which is continuing to grow at the rate of nearly five billion dollars a month, for the time being.

This is disturbing the whole economic balance of the world. There are, of course, long-standing other factors, such as the strategic location of the Arab States, their voting strength in the UN and other international organizations and their links with the Moslem, neutralist and Communist world, which provide them with virtually automatic support.

As against the peak, which the organized bargaining power of the Arab States has reached, the industrialized democratic countries are now at a nadir. They still have the power to organize and successfully confront the blackmail which the Arab oil States threaten them with. However, the interaction of separatist interests, the lack of a clear ideological motivation, as well as weakness, not to say plain fear, have for the moment reduced the nations of western Europe to a group of weak and shaky countries. With differences the same is true of Japan.

The United States is still the strongest, still the foremost country in the world and in my view will continue to remain so for many years. But the U.S. has not yet completely recovered from the trauma of the war in Vietnam and is still working to heal the wounds of the Watergate affair. These two factors and the American economic crisis have strengthened neo-isolationist tendencies, which are not only characteristic of the two extreme of the political spectrum, but have also penetrated wide circles in the centre.

In this international framework, with the West under economic threat and in political crises, the Communist bloc continues to act in a planned and consistent manner. On the one hand, it is dependent on the U.S. and Western States and wants to reap benefits from them. This fact has made detente possible. On the other hand, it is acting to spread dissension in the West, to widen its own expansion in the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf and to deepen its penetration in the Third World.

In any case, in all that concerns our region, the Soviet Union spares no effort to encourage the intransigence of the Arab States, both by sending large consignments of sophisticated weapons on generous terms and by placing obstacles in the path of the American effort to move the region towards peace.

Of course, mention must be made of the Yom Kippur War and its outcome when talking about the factors which are complicating Israeli foreign policy at present. From the military point of view, the victory of the Israeli Army was a great one — perhaps our greatest triumph since the War of Independence. However, our image was weakened by the fact that this victory was not accompanied by expectations fostered in the wake of the lightening war of June 1967, and that Israel was prevented from crushing the aggressor armies completely. I want to stress — our image — and not our true strength and weight in various political arenas. Unfortunately, in our world, not only real capability, but also image has some weight.

As far as the Arab States are concerned, the opposite occurred. Although the more intelligent among them must know that only a few days of fighting stood between them and total defeat, the Arab States as a whole ended the Yom Kippur War with a feeling of success. From the military viewpoint, they broke what they called "the barrier of fear." No less important, they suddenly discovered their political power relative to the weakness of the rest of the world.

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This is no easy situation and the scale tilting against Israel is weighted heavily. However, the scale in Israel's favour is far from being insignificant.

First of all, if the Yom Kippur War has proved anything, it is the fact that a military solution to the Arab-Israel conflict is not, and will not be possible. If under such starting conditions, which will never repeat themselves, and in such a favourable political situation, the Arab armies did not achieve their goal, they must realize they will never achieve it.

Israel today is considerably stronger than she was on the eve of the last war. I have no wish to make provocative statements, but the Arab States must understand that if they force another war on Israel, they will suffer a much more decisive defeat than last time, despite the wealth of weapons at their disposal.

Moreover, despite all her problems, Israel is a powerful factor in the Middle East. She is a strong and stabilizing element in a volatile area which is of great importance to the whole world. Her existence and function is an essential interest of the U.S. and Western Europe, not to speak of others, even including ones in the Middle East, whose interest in the last resort is the maintenance of relative stability and calm in the region.

Although Israel was not established and does not exist in order to serve the interests of others, it is important to remember, especially during this difficult period, that her basic interests go hand in hand with the best interests of other States and parties in the international arena, among them the most important and powerful. However deplorable the demonstrations against Israel in international organizations may be, not the whole world is against us. This is true as regards government and official bodies and even more so as regards public opinion.

As in the past, so today, our goal and dream has not changed and will not change. It is the achievement of a real peace with all our neighbours, or at least with any Arab State prepared for it. This is and will be the central goal and the primary objective of our policy.

Regrettably, however, no such readiness has been shown by any Arab State and as long as this situation continues, I would formulate our secondary objectives in the following order; the prevention of war; if this is impossible, its postponement in the hope of eventually avoiding its outbreak; if this too cannot be achieved, limiting the war to a minimum of battlefronts. If this too is impossible, then preventing the multiple-front from becoming a simultaneous one. Of course, all these steps must be taken while doing our utmost politically and information-wise to gain maximum understanding and sympathy for our position and policy in America, among friendly nations in the West and among all those circles and peoples in the rest of the world who are disposed to such understanding.

I shall not prophesy as to whether another war can be avoided, or at what price. Though let me say that there is obviously no point in buying off a possible war in the near future at the cost of certain war under worse conditions some time later. However it is not out of place to stress once again that even when war appears more and more possible, it should not be regarded as inevitable. For as long as war is not absolutely unavoidable and so long as the count-down has not been started, there is still some prospect, even if very slight, of preventing war, or at least of postponing it, in the hope that it can be avoided.

Israel has no reason and no desire to seek war. On the contrary, she has every reason and every desire to strive for its prevention. We will not initiate war, nor be dragged into one, unless it is imposed on us against our will. Then, and only then, as the French say *"La guerre comme la guerre,"* which includes taking the appropriate initiatives, as dictated by military needs and political considerations.

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In view of the present combination of circumstances in the regional and international arena, the idea may spread that it would be preferable for Israel to dig in and not budge from her position in the hope of gaining time for time's sake — in other words, to adopt tactics designed to maintain the status quo for as long as possible in the vague hope that time itself will make things easier and improve our prospects. I do not believe there is any point in such tactics, which will not lead anywhere. This is not only because our enemies also know how that kind of tactic works and are capable of undermining it, but because the intentional lack of political progress, or at least the lack of readiness for reasonable political progress, will result in the loss of sympathy and support of friends all over the world, at the very moment that we need the defence, political and economic support which they provide us.

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As I have said, we would prefer negotiations, if possible, on an overall peace agreement immediately, with each and every Arab State. However, it does not appear that such a possibility is realistic at this moment.

True, Syria says that she does not want interim settlements, and wishes to negotiate, as it were, on an overall solution. But this theoretical readiness by Damascus is bound up with a series of pre-conditions which in fact render talks impossible. Israel is required to make a prior commitment to withdraw to the 1949 armistice line and agree that a separate Palestinian State, headed by the PLO, be set up in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip. We are informed that even if we give up all of the Golan Heights, Damascus will not agree to normalize relations: moreover, Israel is required to go to simultaneous negotiations with all the Arab countries at Geneva with the participation of the PLO.

With these conditions, it is obvious that mutual discussion and real negotiation are not being proposed by Syria. What is an offer amounts to an act of surrender in advance to a series of demands that the other side knows full well we cannot accept.

Jordan, in accepting the verdict of its rivals at the Rabat Summit, stepped down from representing the Palestinians living in the West Bank, who are her citizens. Nevertheless she continues to give them financial and other aid, and leaves the bridges open for free movement between both banks. Jordan has thus unburdened itself from direct responsibility for what is called the Palestinian problem. At the same time, it continues to retain a latent option on the West Bank in the more distant future, if and when circumstances permit her to return.

But in the near future, Jordan is not a candidate for negotiations over the West Bank. On the other hand the PLO, which has been designated for that role by the Rabat Conference, cannot fulfil it because of its extremism in rejecting any reconciliation with Israel, and because — or perhaps principally — of Israel's total and outright rejection of the PLO. Hence, in the near future, a temporary deadlock may be expected on this delicate issue.

However, this need not be an absolute deadlock in the long run. After all, in spite of the enthusiasm with which the terrorist leader, Yasser Arafat, was greeted at the UN, he does not represent the basic interests of the inhabitants of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and his strength is not based on them. It may be hoped, if not assumed, that with the passage of time, when the PLO is reduced to its proper size and its impotence becomes clear, important Arab parties will be found on this side of the Jordan who will wish to take their fate in their own hands, perhaps even with the tacit understanding of their brethren on the other side of the Jordan.

Maybe then the ground will be laid for what may sound premature today, that is, a gradual establishment of some kind of home rule for the Palestinian Arabs in those territories on which we are willing to compromise, as an interim phase leading to full peace. In my view, the first steps of such a civilian government or at least the examination of the possibility of a start in the fields of education, labour, agriculture, etc. can be undertaken in the near future.

Even without the problem of Judea and Samaria, which is temporarily deadlocked, Jordan and Israel have mutual interests along Israel's longest overland border of 220 kilometres, stretching from the Red Sea to the Dead Sea in the south and along the Beit Shean and Jordan Valleys in the north. There is therefore room for a dialogue between Amman and Jerusalem aimed at normalizing relations within the framework of an interim agreement. The state of security along the common border is of interest to both countries.

It is conceivable that Jordan will eventually show interest in using the services of one of Israel's Mediterranean ports for the transport of cargoes. The coordination of the development of Eilat and the neighbouring town of Akaba may also be considered. So can the idea of coordinating the development plans of the two countries along the border areas and the Dead Sea, for the benefit of both States. It may be that for internal or inter-Arab reasons, Jordan will not be prepared to be the first State to make an interim agreement with Israel, but she could certainly be the second in line. In any case, the path to negotiations with Jordan, whether on an overall settlement or on an interim agreement, with or without the question of the future of the Palestinians, must be left open to take advantage of the rapidly changing circumstances in our region.

The big question remains as regards Egypt, which, in fact, holds the key to further progress in the area. How will Cairo act? Does Egypt retain freedom to act in her own interests after the Rabat Conference and the establishment of the coordination between Egypt, Syria, Jordan and the PLO, or does every step which Egypt takes with respect to Israel require the consent of Syria and the PLO? Is she about to fall into the hands of the Soviet Union again, on the occasion of Brezhnev's visit, or will she continue to be receptive to the American approach to peace step by step? Of course, it is possible to bring quotations and declarations which may be interpreted either way — but, in the end, at this stage at least, we do not have an unequivocal answer to the question.

Also as regards Egypt, I would prefer negotiations on an overall settlement rather than on an interim agreement. However, it appears that for reasons of her own, Egypt is not prepared at this time for a total peace settlement and what is on the agenda — if, it is indeed on the agenda — is negotiation for an interim agreement, based on a gradual "step by step", approach. Israel, for her part, has agreed to this approach: If the realistic choice is between an interim agreement with all the risks entailed because of its temporary nature, or a renewed diplomatic deadlock with the certain danger of war which that entails, the path of interim agreement clearly must be preferred.

This is founded on five assumptions:

A. That the agreement will be based upon mutual concessions, and will represent an additional and meaningful step towards peace;

B. That, notwithstanding the withdrawal and the re-deployment of forces involved, the Israel Defence Forces will retain strong strategic lines:

C. That the agreement will be accompanied by mutual and international security arrangements, based on stable and effective demilitarization, which will afford maximum security against its violation, and which will prevent the possibility of surprise attacks by one side on the other;

D. That Israel will continue to hold areas which are of importance to Egypt, as an incentive to Cairo to continue along the path of negotiations and peace;

E. That when the period of this agreement expires, the parties will not enter into hostilities, but into a situation of controlled cease-fire until the conclusion of the negotiations on the next agreement.

In other words: An interim agreement — if and when it is achieved — must rest upon an Israeli withdrawal, which will be considerably less extensive than that which Israel would agree to within the framework of a peace treaty, and this in return for significant strategic and political commitments by Egypt, greater than those which Egypt granted in the framework of the Separation of Forces Agreement.

For obvious reasons, I will not go into details as to topography and conditions. But the over-all principle is clear: The depth of Israeli withdrawal must be directly proportional to the scope and significance of the Egyptian commitments, including the time period for which the agreement is to be effective.

From an objective point of view, both Egypt and Israel have an interest in an agreement of this sort. Egypt is interested in the return of further territory in Sinai and in seeing the I.D.F. farther away from the Suez Canal and its cities; while Israel is interested in the beginning of a process of cooling-off and normalizing relations with her neighbours, in particular with Egypt.

Thus, if an interim agreement can be reached with Egypt in the spirit of the principles outlined above, then, in addition to the importance of the agreement itself, it may help to produce a new situation, both from the political and the psychological point of view. A fair number of years without war, without acts of belligerency, and without fanning the flames, may well temper hostility, and foster a climate of confidence as the basis for peace and reconciliation.

However, there is no certainty that, even if an interim agreement is reached, the result will be precisely as I have described, just as there is no certainty over the outcome of any political step. But on no account should the existence of this possibility be discounted in advance. In my opinion, it justifies braving the dangers, since anyhow peace is, in the final analysis, in Egypt's interest as much as in Israel's, and its achievements will be a blessing to Egypt, no less than to Israel.

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At this point, a short comment on the Geneva Conference is called for. In principle, Israel has no objection to the Geneva Conference and she does not fear it. We are members of this Conference and we took an active part in its previous sessions. But, for the very reason that we are interested in real progress of the political process in the area, we must take care not to draw this body into functions which it is not capable of fulfilling.

It is easily understandable that multilateral negotiations, such as would take place in Geneva, will not foster a spirit of moderation and compromise, but serve as an additional incentive to all the Arab delegations to align themselves with the most extreme one, even if they do not wish to. Under these circumstances, of an international conference fraught with drama, nationalistic rhetoric will get the better of logic and common sense. Moreover, after the Arabs have tied their own hands at Rabat, it is almost certain that they will demand that representatives of the PLO be invited to the Conference. We, of course, cannot agree to this.

Since every State which attended the Conference from its inception has the right to refuse admission of additional participants, the Conference, if convened prematurely, will inevitably reach an impasse very quickly.

Furthermore, the position of the Soviet Union, as one of the two sponsors of the Geneva Conference, raises a complex problem, for in contrast to the United States, the other sponsor of the Conference, the Soviet Union, adopts a one-sided approach in the Israel-Arab conflict, and even refuses to renew diplomatic relations with Israel.

In saying all this, I do not sug-

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THOUSANDS TO BE EVACUATED

The cyclone smashed into port of Darwin 'just like a bomb'

DARWIN, Australia. — From the air Darwin, devastated by the cyclone that struck on Wednesday, looks like a matchbox town that has been crushed by a giant foot.

Streets are littered with trees, smashed cars that were picked up like bits of straw and hurled for hundreds of metres and the rubble from roofs.

The worst-hit parts of Darwin are in its northern suburbs, where houses disintegrated in cyclone Tracy on Christmas morning, with a death toll estimated between 40 and 80.

The Minister for Northern Development, Dr. Rex Patterson, told a press conference here yesterday afternoon that the Darwin wind-recording machine stopped working at 137 knots. People said the cyclone hit the city like a bomb.

The government yesterday air lifted 200 critically injured survivors out of the northern port city, the gateway to Australia's outback, which is separated from other populated areas by hundreds of kilometres of desert and prairie. Darwin was without electricty and running water yesterday.

Defence Minister Lance Bernard, who has taken charge of relief operations, said at least 10,000 of the city's inhabitants would have to be evacuated until the town was rebuilt. Acting Prime Minister Dr. James Cairns was quoted in Canberra yesterday as saying that the majority of the city's 41,000 inhabitants are likely to be evacuated.

Prime Minister Gough Whitlam cut short a European trip and headed home from London, as offers of help poured in from abroad. The Australian Government has accepted offers of a huge U.S. Starlifter plane, a C130 transport plane from New Zealand and a British submarine whose generators can provide enough power for the city.

Australian Air Force planes made more than 20 flights into Darwin yesterday, carrying emergency medical supplies, food, water, blankets, clothing and medical teams. They evacuated the seriously injured to hospitals on the east coast, more than five hours flying time away.

Weather experts said that the eye of the cyclone, the worst ever to hit Australia, passed over Darwin Airport, destroying 50 planes.

An Australian Broadcasting Commission film last night showed the cyclone had flattened the airport, hurled planes onto the roofs of hangars, rolled automobiles over and flung sheets of roofing iron around like giant razor blades.

"I can't even recognize the main street," the local television reporter said.

People dug in the wreckage of their homes for their belongings. One house bore a hand-written sign: "Looters shot."

Police said there had been some looting.

Inoculations were being given to prevent the outbreak of disease. Doctors feared major outbreaks of cholera and tetanus.

Continuing rains and winds gusting up to 48 kph. yesterday compounded the misery of the survivors and hampered relief work. Dazed, homeless people were reported wandering the streets. Many had been cut by flying glass.

Maureen Hutchinson, a 27-year-old evacuee, said a cyclone warning was issued before the storm struck, but no one took any notice of it.

"We were always getting cyclone warnings, and everybody was blasé about it." she said. Only the laundry room of her house was left standing, she said: "We ran from room to room as the building folded up around us."

Other evacuees told of dead people in mangled automobiles, steel telephone poles bent double, trailer homes tossed in the air and streets piled in rubble. *(Reuter, AP)*

One of the main streets of Darwin after Wednesday's cyclone (AP radiophoto)

State funeral for Ismail Aly today

CAIRO (AP). — Arab delegations began arriving here yesterday for a state funeral today of Egypt's War Minister, Field Marshal Ahmed Ismail Aly, who died in London on Wednesday, aged 57.

President Anwar Sadat is expected to lead the funeral procession today. Dignitaries who have already arrived include Syrian Defence Minister and Chief of Staff Mustapha Tlas and Syria's Deputy Premier for Economic Affairs Mohammed Haider.

Newspapers here appeared yesterday with black bordered pictures of Aly, who was overall commander of the Arab armies in the Yom Kippur War.

Military sources said Sadat would wait until tomorrow before naming a successor to the late general. But political sources said it was certain to be Lieut.-Gen. Mohammed Abdel Ghani Gamasy, Egypt's Chief of Staff.

Information Minister Aharon Yariv, who last year met 11 times with Gamasy at Kilometre 101 on the Suez-Cairo road, said yesterday that the Egyptian Chief of Staff was a "tough, but correct negotiator with whom one could talk" business. Speaking in an interview with Israel Radio, Aluf (Res.) Yariv said one should bear in mind at the same time that Gamasy is a "proud Arab who hates Israel."

Asked whether he saw any significance in the fact that the man with whom he negotiated at Kilometre 101 would be appointed as Egypt's new War Minister, Yariv said it would be more to the point to remember Gamasy as the general who master-minded the Egyptian crossing of the Suez Canal in the Yom Kippur War.

WAR HEATS UP NORTH OF SAIGON

Fourth Viet town falls in Communist offensive

SAIGON. — Communist forces have overrun a fourth district town in South Vietnam in a three-week regionalized offensive and have shot down a big four-engine transport plane trying to resupply an isolated province north of Saigon, Government military officials reported yesterday.

Vietcong gunners also shot 37 Soviet-built rockets into the Bien Hoa air base, 25 kms. north east of Saigon just before dawn. Five Government warplanes were reported destroyed. Military sources reported that more than 10 South Vietnamese servicemen were killed or wounded in the attack.

Military officials said a U.S.-supplied C130 transport was shot down by North Vietnamese anti-aircraft fire as it approached the provincial capital of Phuoc Long, 130 kms. north east of Saigon. All five South Vietnamese crewmen were killed.

The government is in control of only one town in beleaguered Phuoc Long province. Military sources said the Communists overran Dong Xoai in a two-pronged assault yesterday morning, smashing through the barbed wire defence perimeter and seizing the town's militia compound.

Dong Xoai, a town of 5,000 some 80 kms. north of Saigon, was the second county capital in the province to fall to the Communists in two days.

The Communists began the final assault on Dong Xoai with a 1,000-round artillery and rocket salvo. Tanks near the town joined in the bombardment.

Columns of infantry then hit the town from the south and west, and overran the militia outpost guarding county headquarters.

The Saigon Command said nearly 1,200 soldiers on both sides were killed and wounded in fighting since Christmas Day.

In Laos, CIA-trained guerrilla rebels seized the northern Mekong River town of Ban Houei Sai and held 20 Americans and the civilian population hostage. They issued five demands, including legalization of opium growing and implementation of the peace agreement with the Communists.

The former CIA mercenaries seized Ban Hoeui Sai early on Tuesday.

John Huxtable, the senior American official in the Mekong River town, 320 kms. northwest of Vientiane, reported on Christmas Day by radio that all 15 U.S. government employees and five missionary families were safe. But "the rebels are in charge," he said. He said there were about 160 of the former mercenaries involved. The guerrillas are former members of the 30,000-man "secret army," trained and paid by the CIA.

The rebels have also demanded immediate implementation of the Laos Peace Agreement, neutralization of Ban Hoeui Sai, dissolution of the National Assembly and the carrying out of a pro-Communist 18-point programme for peace. *(AP, UPI)*

Stonehouse to jail for week

MELBOURNE (UPI). — Former British Cabinet Minister John Stonehouse, arrested in Melbourne five weeks after he vanished from a Miami hotel, was yesterday ordered to jail for seven days for entering Australia illegally.

Police said at a hearing in Magistrate's Court that the Labour M.P. had entered the country under the identity of a man who was in fact dead.

While Stonehouse sits in jail Australian Immigration Minister Clyde Cameron will take up his petition to be allowed to stay in Australia.

In an emotional speech to the court, Stonehouse, 49, said "I have received more understanding in the last two days than I have received in the last two years in England." He earlier told police he was blackmailed in Britain by certain individuals and had lost his personal assets by putting money into a bank failure.

He had obtained a passport under the name Joseph Arthur Markham by asking at London hospitals about persons his age who had recently died.

Mrs. Barbara Stonehouse arrived here from Britain yesterday and saw her husband for two hours. He embraced her and kissed her after walking from the building where he is being held.

Ford gets CIA report from K.

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger on Wednesday sent a special 50-page report to President Ford on alleged Central Intelligence Agency domestic activities.

The report was prepared by CIA Director William Colby for Kissinger. Ford said in Vail, Colorado that he was expecting the report.

The allegations against the CIA domestic activities including surveillance of as many as 10,000 Americans were made by the "New York Times" on Sunday and Ford ordered Kissinger on Monday to make a report "within a matter of days."

Kissinger, aside from his role as Secretary of State, is Ford's chief adviser on National Security Affairs and the chairman of the so-called "40 Committee" which oversees all intelligence activities.

Prosecutor demands 9 years for Shtern

MOSCOW (Reuter). — The prosecutor in the case against Mikhail Shtern, the Jewish doctor being tried in the Ukrainian town of Vinnitsa on charges of bribery and swindling, yesterday demanded that he be sentenced to nine years in a strict regime labour camp, Jewish sources said. Testimony in the trial was concluded on Wednesday.

In a telephone call from Vinnitsa, Alexander Goldfarb told newsmen that the prosecutor had told the court, which has been sitting since December 11, that the case against the 56-year-old doctor was nothing out of the ordinary. However, it had aroused the interest of those who wished to raise slander and "unhealthy agitation" against the Soviet Union, the prosecutor said.

Shtern's trial followed the application of his two sons to emigrate to Israel.

According to Mr. Goldfarb, who together with two Moscow activists travelled to Vinnitsa to observe the trial, the prosecutor in his speech had essentially repeated the points contained in the initial charge. These included allegations that Dr. Shtern accepted bribes to pronounce one young man too ill to serve in the army, and that he demanded inflated prices for medicines unavailable in state chemists' shops.

Until his arrest, Dr. Shtern, a former member of the Communist Party, was the head of the clinical section of the Vinnitsa endocrinological Hospital and, a respected doctor in the small Ukrainian town.

Sarah Honig, Jerusalem Post Reporter — quoting sources in Tel Aviv — writes:

Almost all of the witnesses at the trial gave testimony different from their initial statements to the prosecutor. When confronted with the discrepancy, they explained that their original statements were made under duress.

Many witnesses who were supposed to state that they paid bribes to Dr. Shtern denied this. Some even told the court that they owed their lives to the doctor and that he paid for their medicine. The testimony of the court-appointed medical experts supported Dr. Shtern, as did the testimony of doctors who worked in the same clinic with him.

Dr. Shtern made a statement on Wednesday, arguing that the very fact that he had been placed on trial at all constitutes a gross miscarriage of justice. He said he was completely innocent of the charges brought against him and that he had been accused solely because of his family's desire to go to Israel.

Dr. Shtern was sharply rebuked by one of the judges when he protested that the prosecutor was talking to witnesses before they took the stand. The prosecutor countered that he was only discussing the problem of hotel accommodation with the witnesses.

The judge accused Dr. Shtern of "slandering the reputation of a state employee." Dr. Shtern, however, would not withdraw his complaint and insisted that it be included in the trial records.

Mao's quiet birthday

PEKING (Reuter). — Chairman Mao Tse-tung turned 81 yesterday, but as always the occasion passed without public celebration or comment. It is a long-standing rule of the Chinese Communists that personal anniversaries should not be made an occasion for public ceremony.

Russians jail Jewish artist

MOSCOW (UPI). — A Jewish nonconformist painter and art collector, Alexander Glazer, was sentenced to 10 days' imprisonment in Leningrad this week for his conduct outside a modern art show there, according to information given to the press here by another artist, Oscar Rabin.

Rabin said Glazer was interviewing visitors waiting to get into the show at the Cultural Palace, to get their views on art, and was asked for his papers by the police. He refused to produce them immediately, and was arrested and sentenced for "disregard of the authorities."

Glazer was one of the organizers of a show of modern art in Moscow last September which was broken up by Communist Party vigilantes and then later allowed to reopen.

Rabin said he believed the real reason for Glazer's arrest was his work in bringing non-conformist art to the public.

Permission was given for this week's Leningrad exhibition on condition that no "pornographic" or "anti-Soviet" works were shown.

157 die in U.S.

NEW YORK (AP). — The National Safety Council said yesterday that 157 Americans died in Christmas Eve and Christmas Day traffic accidents. This was lower than the Safety Council's prediction that 200 to 260 persons would die.

Gems stolen from Israeli singer

TOKYO (AP). — Popular Israeli singer Hedva Amrani Danoff reported to the police on Wednesday that $3,300 worth of jewellery was stolen from her room at a Tokyo hotel, authorities said.

Hedva has been on a three-week tour in Japan ending yesterday.

Russian farm workers will get right to move from the land

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet Union announced yesterday that all citizens over 16 will be issued with internal passports.

Previously, inhabitants of rural areas and workers on collective farms were not permitted to hold passports, effectively restricting them to their work on the land.

Tass news agency said that issue of the new passports would begin on January 1, 1976 and should be completed by December 31, 1981.

The decision was taken by the Central Committee of the Communist Party and the Council of Ministers, Tass said.

Soviet citizens are not permitted to travel inside the Soviet Union without an internal passport. Until now the holding of passports has been restricted to inhabitants of cities.

The decree means that about 46,000,000 collective farm workers will be able to move about freely in the country for the first time. Said a Western diplomat: "This is a great step up for them. They have been virtually second-class citizens in the past. It's a liberalizing measure."

Asked if he thought the move would lead to a migration from the land to jobs in the cities, the diplomat said: "It is possible that with the young workers especially there will be some movement in that direction."

Interior Minister Nikolai Shchelokov told "Pravda" yesterday: "The further improvement of the passport system is a new manifestation of concern by the Communist Party and the Soviet State about the interests of the people, and a further strengthening of law and order." It reflected "the profound democratism of our society."

Three Canadian Unef men killed

OTTAWA (AP). — Three Canadian servicemen attached to the UN Emergency Force in the Middle East died in a collision of their vehicle with an Egyptian army truck, near Ismailia, a Canadian Defence Department spokesman said here.

The incident was the second in which Canadian servicemen have been killed while serving with UN contingents in the Middle East. Nine Canadians were killed on August 9 when their aircraft was shot down, apparently by a Syrian missile.

Soviets orbit laboratory

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet Union yesterday orbited the unmanned Salyut 4 scientific station in what could be a further effort to smooth the way to a successful space link-up with American astronauts next July.

An announcement by the Tass news agency said all equipment was functioning normally.

The aim, it said, is "to further test the design, on board systems and equipment of orbital stations and to conduct scientific and technical studies and experiments in conditions in space flight."

Toy Fund tops IL 100,000 mark

Contributions to the 26th drive of *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund have passed the one hundred thousand lira mark. With the IL6,460.80 which came in during the past few days the total so far stands at IL101,327.80. This is just slightly behind last year, when the fund went over the hundred thousand mark for the first time.

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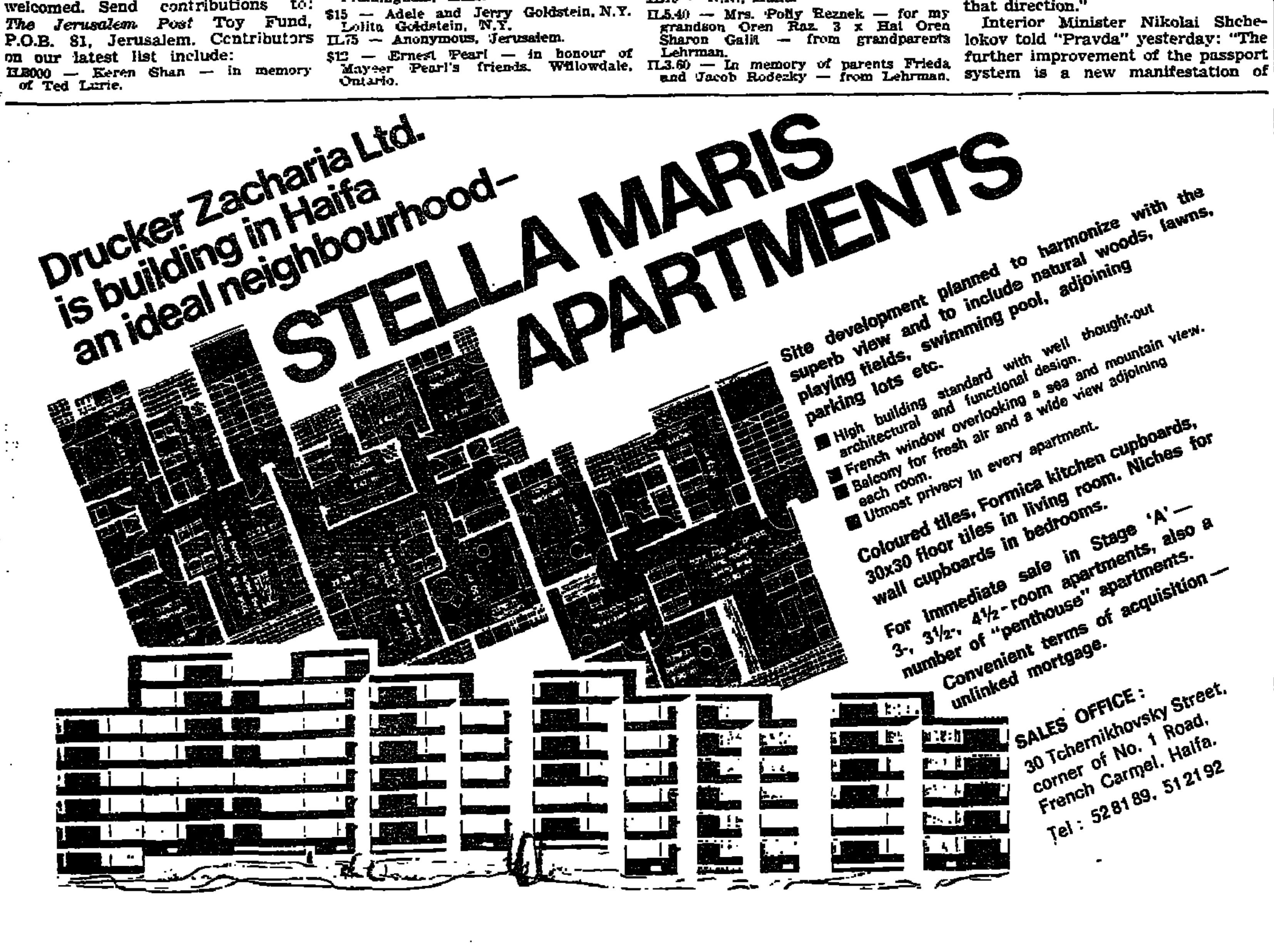

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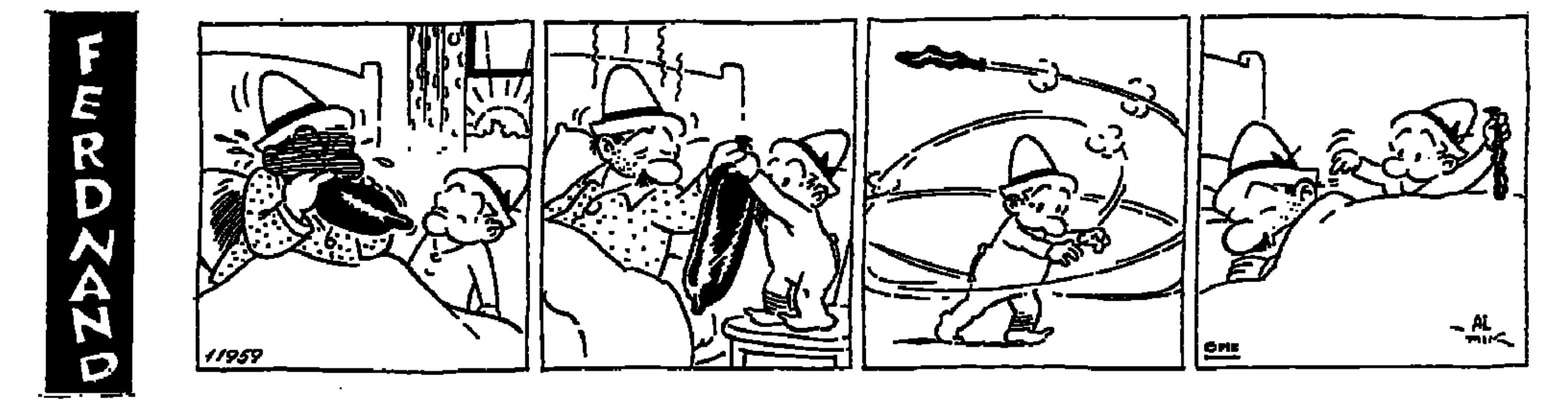

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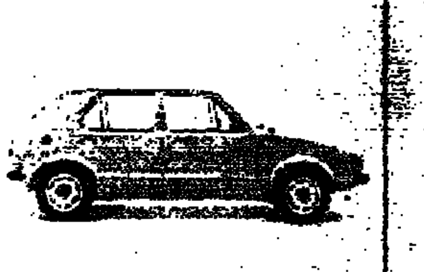
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DEPARTURES: Air France 193 to Paris, 0510; TWA 811 to Rome, Paris and Boston, 0530; El Al 467 to Paris, 0600; El Al 463 to Rome, 0640; Swissair 331 to Zurich, 0700; El Al 347 to Zurich, 0720; CPA 243 to Athens, Amsterdam and Montreal, 0730; El Al 565 to Teheran, 0740; El Al 265 to London and N.Y. 0800; TWA 841 to Athens, Rome and N.Y. 0845; Air France 135 to Lyons and Paris, 0850; BA 485 to London, 0925; Targm 246 to Bucharest, 1120; Alitalia 739 to Rome, 1410; El Al 907 to Jerusalem, 1445; Olympic 302 to Athens, 1510; TWA 810 to Bombay and Bangkok, 1750.

SATURDAY

ARRIVALS: TWA 811 from Bangkok and Bombay, 0415; Alitalia 738 from Rome, 1325; TWA 880 from N.Y. and Athens, 1430; Lufthansa 634 from Frankfurt, 1525; TWA 810 from Boston, Paris and Rome, 1635; Swissair 330 from Zurich, 1805; El Al 358 from Frankfurt, 1925; BA 484 from London, 2010; El Al 470 from Amsterdam and Geneva, 2110; El Al 478 from Paris and Munich, 2125; El Al 476 from London and Rome, 2135; Air France 138 from Paris and Athens, 2150.

DEPARTURES: TWA 811 to Rome, Paris and Boston, 0530; Swissair 331 to Zurich, 0700; TWA 881 to Athens and N.Y., 0910; BA 485 to London, 0925; Alitalia 739 to Rome, 1410; Lufthansa 637 to Frankfurt, 1615; TWA 810 to Bombay and Bangkok, 1750.

Religious Services

Shabbat begins:	In Jerusalem	4.07 p.m.
	In Tel Aviv	4.25 p.m.
	In Haifa	4.14 p.m.
and ends:	In Jerusalem	5.22 p.m.
	In Tel Aviv	5.24 p.m.
	In Haifa	5.21 p.m.

Parasha: Vayihi.

JERUSALEM

Yeshurun Synagogue: Today: Minha 4.30 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, 4.45 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.00 a.m. Minha Gdola, 12.45 p.m., Minha 4.20 p.m. Mishna B'rura 4.40 p.m. Arvit 5.20 p.m.

Hechal Shlomo: Today: Minha 4.20 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 4.35 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit 8.00 a.m. Minha 4.10 p.m. Arvit 5.10 p.m.

Emet V'emuna: (Rehov Narkiss 1). Tonight: 4.45 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi Pinhas Pelli. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.15 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Y. Amir.

Yeshivat Hakotel (Old City); Tonight: Minha 4.30 p.m. Traditional march to the Wall followed by Kabbalat Shabbat 5.00 p.m. Arvit (at the Synagogue), 5.45 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 7.30 a.m. Minha, 1.30 p.m.

Mevakshei Derech (14 Ibn Gvirol) Independent Congregational discussion on D'var Tora-Shabbat and holidays 9.00 a.m.

Italian Synagogue (Rehov Hillel) Tonight: Minha 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m.

Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Neve Schechter, behind the Israel Museum). Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.30 a.m.

Habad Lubavich Synagogue (Rehov Habad, Jewish Quarter, Old City); Tomorrow: Shahrit: 8.30 a.m. Kiddush following services.

Sephardi Synagogues-Bibas (Old City): Tonight: Minha 4.30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat. 4.35 p.m. Tomorrow: Sephardi Minyan, 7.30 a.m. Ashkenazi Minyan, 8.00 a.m. Minha 4.15 p.m.

Beit Knesset Mercazi, Talbieh: (14 Rehov Hovevei Zion, Talbieh); Tonight: 4.30 p.m.

Har-El Synagogue (Progressive Judaism) 16 Rehov Shmuel Hanagid, near Bezalal Museum. Tonight: 5.00 p.m. Lecture: Mr. Shalom Ben-Horin. Tomorrow: 9.30 a.m.

World Council of Synagogues (Conservative) at United Synagogue of America Centre: Rehov Agron 4. Tonight 4.30 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi Yosef Green. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.30 a.m.

Congregation Migdal Hashoshanim (22 Rehov Pinsker) Tonight: Minha 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit 8.00 a.m. Minha 4.10 p.m., followed by Shiur in Talmud.

Young Israel (28 Rehov Ben-Tzion, Givat Shaul) Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 4.35 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit 8.00 a.m. Minha 4.10 p.m.

Young Israel (Rehov Bar Yohai 47, Katamon) Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m.

Young Israel (Block 107, Sanhedria Murhevet). Tonight 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m.

Young Israel (Rehov Hapisgah, Bayit Vegan) Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m.

Hebrew Union College (Rehov David Hamelech 13), Saturday: 10 a.m.

TEL AVIV

The Great Synagogue (110 Allenby Road). Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 7.30 a.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (86 Rehov Ben Yehuda). Tonight: Minha 4.35 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 6.30 and 8.30 a.m., Minha 4.30 p.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (Beit Hamore, Rehov Nathan Strauss 5). *Tonight: Minha 4.35 p.m.* Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.00 a.m., Minha 4.30 p.m.

Kehilat Sinai (Conservative, B'nai Brit House, 10 Rehov Kaplan, corner Hameasfim). Tomorrow: Shahrit, 9.00 a.m., Parashat Hashavua: Rabbi David Haber.

Kedem Synagogue: (Progressive Judaism, 20 Rehov Carlebach); Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 9.30 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Moshe Zemer.

Beit Haknesset Geulat Yisrael (Rehov Mercaz Ba'alei Melacha 16). Tonight: 6.00 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.30 a.m.

Kehilat Ramat Aviv (Progressive Judaism: Jacob-Efter Hall, Peretz Naphtali Bldg. T.A. University); Tonight: 6.00 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi Ady Assadi.

RAMAT GAN

Halechiya Synagogue: Tonight 4.35 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit 7.45 p.m. Parashat Hashavua: Mr. Barkol. Minha 4.25 p.m. Shiur Gemara, Mr. Weizman.

Emeth V'anava Congregation (Progressive Judaism); 57 Derech Jabotinsky. Friday: 6.00 p.m. Saturday: 9.30 a.m.

Beth Haknesset Ramat Hen (5 Rehov Ramat Hen); Friday: 5.30 p.m. Saturday: Shahrit, 7.45 a.m.

SAVYON

Tiferet Yitzchak Synagogue (6 Rehov Hadarom). Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.30 a.m.

KFAR SABA

Haminyan Hahadash (Schechuna Eliezer). Tonight 4.45 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m. Minha 4.40 p.m.

PETAH TIKVA

Young Israel (Ramat Werber School Rehov Anderson); Tonight: 4.35 p.m. Tomorrow: Talmud: 7.00 a.m. Services: 8.00 a.m.

KIRON

Young Israel (Rehov Shlomo Hamelech) Friday: 4.35 p.m. Saturday: 8.00 a.m.

KFAR SHMARYAHU

Beit Haknesset Hechal Habanim: Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Shmuel Avidor Hacohen. Minha 4.30 p.m.

HERZLIYA

Young Israel (Hotel Hod, Rehov Hanassi) Tonight: 4.35 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.45 a.m.

NETANYA

Beit Yisrael (Conservative), (13 Rehov Rav Kook). Tonight: 4.15 p.m. Tomorrow: 9.00 a.m.

Netanya Progressive Congregation (16 Rehov Smilansky). Tonight: 5.45 p.m.

New Synagogue (7 McDonald St.) Friday: 4.30 p.m. Saturday: 8.00 a.m. Children's Oneg Shabbat 3.00 p.m. Study Group 3.30 *p.m. Minha 4.15 p.m. Dvar Tora:* Rabbi Emanuel Forman.

HAIFA

Moriah Congegation-Conservative (7 Rehov Horeb, Ahuza): Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 9.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Charles W. Siegel.

Haifa Progressive Congregation Or Hadash (Small Theatre, Beit Rothschild). Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Sermon. Saturday: 9.00 a.m. Sermon.

RISHON LEZION

Young Israel (34 Rehov Hanotrim) Tonight *4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.30 a.m.*

Young Israel (Shikun Beit). Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow Shahrit, 8.00 a.m.

REHOVOT

Adat Shalom Synagogue (Conservative B'nai Brit Hall, 153 Rehov Herzl). Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit 8.30 a.m. Sermons: Rabbi Meir Ydit.

ASHDOD

Ashdod Conservative Centre (Geulim School, Ezor Aleph) Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 9.00 a.m.

ASHKELON

Kehilat Netzach Yisrael (Batsheva Gerbovov Community Centre, Derech Ya'acov Chaham, corner Harel, Afridar). Tonight: Kabbalat Shabbat 5.00 p.m. Saturday: Shahrit, 9.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Pinhas Spectre.

BEERSHEBA

Family Congregation of Omer (Conservative) (Omer School Auditorium): Kabbalat Shabbat 5.30 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi Michael Graetz. Tomorrow: Shahrit 9.00 a.m.

Young Israel (Shikun Beit). Tonight: 4.30 *p.m. Tomorrow Shahrit, 8.00 a.m.*

Progressive (127 Palmach): Tonight 5.30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES

St. George's Cathedral (Anglican, Nablus Road, Jerusalem) Sunday: Holy Communion 8.00 p.m. (English). Morning Worship (Arabic) 9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist and Sermon (English) 11 a.m. Evensong and Sermon (English) 6.00 p.m. Daily (Mon. to Sat.) Holy Communion, 7.00 a.m. Evensong 6.00 p.m.

Baptist Congregation (Rehov Narkis, Jerusalem); Saturday Services. Bible Study: 9.45 a.m. Worship 11.00 a.m.

Church of Christ (across street from Rockefeller Museum). Bible Classes: 10.00 a.m. Worship: 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Classes, 6.00 p.m.

Christ Church (Anglican) Jaffa Gate. Holy Communion. 8.00 a.m. Evening Service, 6 p.m.

Lutheran Church (Muristan Rd., Old City, Jerusalem). **Arabic:** Every Sunday — 9.00 a.m. — Church of the Redeemer; **English:** Every Sunday — 9.00 a.m. — Crusader's Chapel (next to Church); **Deutsch:** Jeden Sonntag um 10.10 Uhr Kindergottesdienst an jedem 1. Sonntag in Monat. **Morning Prayer** 8.10 a.m. every Thursday in the Crusader's Chapel (next to the Church).

House of Prayer (19/90 Rehov Ein-Rogel, Abu Tor). Sabbath Services — prayer and worship: 10.30 a.m.

Association for Unification of World Christianity meets each Saturday and Sunday at 9.00 a.m. Interested people write to P.O.B. 14015, Jerusalem.

Seventh-Day Adventist Congregation Services in Hebrew, English and German; (*Advent House, 4 Lincoln St., Jerusalem*) Saturday, 9.30 a.m. Bible Study, 10.30 a.m. Worship. Wednesday, 5.30 p.m. Prayer meeting. Services in Arabic (in front of Dar-Al-Awlad School, East Jerusalem) Saturday, 9.30 a.m. Bible Study. 10.30 a.m. Worship.

Church of Scotland (Presbyterian, near Railway Station) Jerusalem. Tel. 84325. Sunday Morning Service, 10.00 a.m.

"Shalhevetyah" — **Finnish School** (Lutheran) (25 Rehov Shivtei Israel). Saturday 10.30 a.m. Service in Hebrew: Sunday *7.30 p.m. Bible Study in Hebrew.*

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon Church) meets each Saturday, 9.30 a.m. in City Hotel, East Jerusalem. For information, call 02-282472, or 02-231085.

Church of God, Mount of Olives near Palace Hotel. Tel. 284436. Services in English German Arabic. Sunday Worship 10.00 a.m. Thursday Prayer 6.00 p.m.

International Evangelican Church (55 Street of the Prophets, Jerusalem). Sunday: Worship: 9.00 a.m. Evening Fellowship, 7.30 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Study, 7.30 p.m.

International Church of the Nazarene Center (33 Nablus Road, by the Y.M.C.A. East Jerusalem). Special English Service. Sunday 11.00 a.m. and 8.00 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church (Rehov Eilat behind Old Law Court, Tel Aviv). Saturday: 11.00 a.m.

Evangelical Episcopal (Anglican) Church (Jaffa, Beer Hoffman Street, off Rehov Eilat): Sunday: Evening Service, 6.00 p.m. Tuesday: Bible Study (Tel. 821459).

Herzliya (Tel. 938856). Sunday, 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion, 9.30 a.m. Family Service.

Christian Science Service, Hilton Hotel, Tel Aviv. Sunday: 11 a.m.

Petah Tikva Baptist Congregation (3 kilometres north of Petah Tikva). Saturday Services: Bible Study, 9.45 a.m. Worship. 11.00 a.m.

Nazareth Ukrainian Catholic Chapel Nazareth Old City. two blocks over Maronite Church in Ecumenical Christ Child Centre, Sunday, Mass 9.00 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene (Main Street, near Galilee Hotel) Sunday Services: 10.00, 11.00 a.m., 7.30 p.m. (Tel. 065-54315).

St. Luke's Church, Haifa (Anglican) 4 St. Luke's Street, near U.N.O. and Hagefen. (Services in English). Sunday 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion.

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SATURDAY

JERUSALEM: (day) Meyer, 44 Jaffa, 233592; (evening) Bayit Vegan, 59 Hapisga, 535626; Tutunjian, Christian Qtr. 283401.

TEL AVIV: (day) Bugrashov, 60 Bugrashov, 293889; Zafon, 33 Yehuda Hamaccabi, 449995; Yani, 67 Yehuda Halevi, 612474; (evening) Frenkel, 28 King George, 223721; Trufa, 217 Dizengoff, 223488; Maayan Ha'haim, 49 Yerushalayim, Jaffa, 821607. **HOLON:** Naot Shoshanim, 44 Geulim. **BAT YAM:** Balfour, 90 Balfour. **RAMAT GAN:** Higiena, 81 Arlosoroff, 721489. **BNEI BRAK:** Nehemia, 2 Nehemia. **HERZLIYA PITUAH:** Kikar Rivlin, 142 Wingate, 935014. **PETAH TIKVA:** Pinsker, 2 Pinsker, 910505. **NETANYA:** Netanya, 11 Herzl, 22542. **HAIFA:** Balfour, 1 Massada, 662283. **BEERSHEBA:** Assuta, Merkaz Gilad Hadash, Derech Hanessi'im.

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CINEMA

Two French love stories

Le Hasard et la Violence (Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv), written and directed by Philippe Labro, is very different from his other two films which have been shown here, "Sans mobile apparent" with Trintignant and "L'Heritier" with Belmondo, which were fast-moving thrillers. Although there is violence, of the contemporary, motiveless type, the current film is primarily a love story with Labro seeking to emphasise the romantic atmosphere through the lush photography and music.

Yves Montand plays a middle-aged man who comes to a seaside town out of season looking for a quiet place where he can bring up to date a book on violence and its repression which he wrote some years earlier. The first night he settles into a hotel, he is attacked in the men's room. The doctor who comes to attend him falls ill and is replaced by another, a beautiful young woman (Katherine Ross, who played in "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid"). The stage is set for romance and drama.

There is always a certain pleasure to be had in watching Yves Montand exercise his charm but neither his role nor that of the woman are given much depth. Moreover Katherine Ross is hampered by having to speak French although she is not given much to say. The empty strand with the lights glittering at night, the blue sea with the seagulls wheeling over it and so on are given their photographic due but the film is anyway on the slow side and the many "pictures" although beautiful, hold up the action still further. It is not a film that makes much impact but it is not boring. In the small role of a house-agent, Catherine Allegret, Montand's real-life stepdaughter, is both pretty and charming.

Un Amour de Pluie (Limor, Tel Aviv) concerns a holiday romance with the ravishingly pretty Romy Schneider as a woman who comes to spend a couple of weeks at a spa along with her teenage daughter. A young man (Nino Castelnuovo) contrives to make her acquaintance with results easily guessed at. At the same time, but in a more innocuous manner, daughter acquires a boy friend in the person of a young waiter at the hotel.

An actor with less personality than Castelnuovo in this particular role it would be hard to find, but Romy is perfectly charming and the two youngsters are likeable. The spa in which this intermezzo is played out is Vittel which means that the hotel is delightfully old-fashioned and one can get glimpses of Colombey-les-Deux-Eglises and other spots of interest. Suzanne Flon gives a lively performance as the hotel manageress.

Directed by Jean-Claude Briarly. There's not much to the film but it is pleasant. *S.W.*

Thunderbolt and Lightfoot (Cinerama, Tel Aviv), is yet another in the current, seemingly endless, chain of bank robbery films. Starring Clint Eastwood as a master safe cracker, the movie is written and directed by Michael Cimino, who did the screenplay for Eastwood's recent success, "Magnum Force."

Perhaps realizing that pictures on this subject are now old hat, Cimino (in his directing debut) only gets round to the bank heist near the end of the piece. Until then, most of the story takes place along the highways of Montana's beautiful "Big Sky Country." While location-photography of top quality is now commonplace in the cinema, Frank Stanley's camerawork here probably surpasses anything we have seen before, in bringing to the screen the full splendour of the region's mountains, rivers and fields of golden wheat. The film's other main asset is a striking performance by Jeff Bridges ("The Last Picture Show"), in the role of a brash young car thief who teams up with Eastwood to carry out the crime, and develops strong bonds of friendship with him, as they travel the country roads together.

Until the ingenious bank robbery, the plot progresses at a leisurely pace, with much emphasis on humour. Then, rather disconcertingly, drama takes over, though Bridges shows great skill in making the difficult transition in mood. Eastwood has almost nothing to do except look grim, but George Kennedy and Geoffrey Lewis have their moments as the other two robbers in the heist. Quite good entertainment. *J.L.*

Argentine police chief quits after his attack on Jews

BUENOS AIRES (JTA). — The Chief of Police in Rio Negro Province has resigned after appending a venomous attack on Jews to an "Order of the Day" he recently issued to his subordinates. Commandant Benigno Mario Ardanas said he was ordered to resign by the Minister of Interior, who, he alleged, was "pressured by the DAIA, the representative body of the Argentine Jewish Community.

The Rio Negro faction of the Union Civica Radical Party termed Ardanas' statement a "delirious mixture of Nazism and McCarthyism." The offensive supplement, which the police chief attached to "Order of the Day No. 9134," was entitled "Young Argentine thoughts on the times our country is living through."

It said: "We must fight against Freemasons, Communists and Jews... Communism and Zionism, or Judaism, are subordinated to the 'Israelite Command' called the Great Sanhedrin, which seeks world domination... They try to promote the use of drugs and eroticism to weaken the people... Jews or Zionists send immense sums of money to Israel... perturb workers and employers, organize frequent strikes in industry and transport... try to discredit the Church and the armed forces. We shall put all the needed obstacles to Jews, Communists and Freemasons so that they do not progress with their plans."

Jews purged from Soviet key positions

Geoffrey Wigoder's JEWISH SCENE

THE GROWTH OF INTEREST in Soviet Jewry is reflected in the number of periodicals devoted to the subject. "Jews in Eastern Europe" has been appearing in London since the late 1950s (generally twice a year) and contains an important chronicle and analysis of Jewish developments in Eastern Europe, but most especially in Russia. Also in London, the Institute of Jewish Affairs publishes a journal entitled "Soviet Jewish Affairs," containing articles by various scholars on the subject. Parallel to this there are now two publications in Hebrew — "Behinot", published by the Israel Executive of the World Jewish Congress and "Shvut," published by the Diaspora Research Institute of Tel Aviv University. There is an obvious overlap in scope between these publications, but so much work is now being done in the field that each journal represents a useful contribution to knowledge of the history and present position of Soviet Jewry.

For example the latest issue of "Shvut" (edited by Yehoshua A. Gilboa) contains a study, by Benjamin Pinkus, showing how the Jews have been eliminated from top positions in the U.S.S.R. in recent decades. The general fact is well known but this article brings detailed statistics to show the extent of the decline.

After the revolution

After the 1917 Revolution, Jews played a disproportionately large role in the upper echelons of Soviet power but already in the 1920s their proportions diminished. When Stalin rooted out the old Bolshevik leadership in the 1930s, many of the prominent Jews were among the victims. Already then, it appears, Stalin was interested in reducing the number of Jews at the top. Apart from the direct anti-Jewish motivation, there were other natural developments — resulting from the rising educational standards of the population as a whole and the nurturing of political cadres within the various constituent republics.

An analysis of membership of the Communist Party shows a striking drop in Jewish members since World War II, but this can largely be explained as a consequence of objective factors. Moreover Jews continue to constitute an important factor within the Party. However they have been almost entirely excluded from its governing bodies. In the early 1920s Jews constituted up to a quarter of the members of the Central Committee and a third of the Politburo. By the death of Stalin, they were only 2 per cent and the d ecline has continued since then so that at the last Congress in 1971, Jews were 0.25 per cent of the Central Committee and since 1957, there have been no Jews in the Politburo. A similar process has occurred in the governing bodies of the various Republics, from which Jews have been increasingly excluded, especially since the early 1950s. In view of their educational attainments, they could be expected to occupy leading positions at least in proportion to their numbers; in fact, they are vastly under-represented in all regions and in all bodies so that the conclusion is inescapable that they are being deliberately kept out.

The big turning-point in Jewish participation in top Soviet government positions came in 1949. But even after Stalin's death, there were a number of top Jews who were not eliminated until after Khrushchev's victory over the "anti-Party group" in 1957. It was Khrushchev and his associates who first expressed this tren.. openly by claiming that the time had come to increase the representation from the various Republics (with the implication, which was carried into practice, that this should be done at the expense of Jews). Since 1962, the only Jew in a really high position has been Benjamin Dimshitz, who has maintained his position because of his brilliance as an economic planner. (Needless to say, those Jews who have been in prominent positions have never identified themselves with anything Jewish and have been among the most fanatically zealous devotees of official Soviet policies).

Turning to the individual offices, Pinkus notes the disappearance of Jews. Already in Stalin's last years, Jews were removed from positions of influence in higher education and culture. Throughout the Ministry of Defence, Jews have been purged (and in particular in counterespionage and other secret operations). Similarly in the Foreign Ministry in which Jews were once prominent (many Soviet diplomats in the past were Jews), only one Jew is left in a key role — L.Y. Mendelewitz, head of the Latin American Division. An examination of the list of Russian diplomats abroad does not reveal a single Jewish name. In another key Ministry — that of the Interior — many Jews were concentrated in the 1920s and this fact was seized upon and exploited at the time by anti-Semites. Today the only Jews in that Ministry are in very junior positions. In answer to Soviet claims that Jews still have great weight in the Soviet hierarchy, Pinkus lists the names of those Jews who are heads of departments in all Ministries. Their total is 11.

Deliberate policy

The inevitable conclusion is that there has been over the years a deliberate policy to exclude Jews from positions of influence and that the anti-Jewish atmosphere that has prevailed in the U.S.S.R. since the end of World War II has contributed to the disqualification of Jewish candidates for such positions.

These findings are complemented by another article — by Zvi Halevi — in "Shvut" dealing with Jews among Soviet students and professionals. This shows that the number of Jews in Soviet institutions of higher education dropped dramatically in the immediate post-War years, and although the situation improved somewhat during the post-Stalin "thaw," the situation that had existed up to 1948 was never restored. Anti-Jewish discrimination mainly takes the form of the introduction of a *numerus clausus*. Since March 1968, Halevi claims, almost no Jews have received professorial appointments and the number awarded doctoral degrees has declined. Jewish professionals are mainly concentrated in engineering, medicine and law. The policy of national quotas which works against Jews, the direct anti-Jewish discrimination and the fact that the Jewish population is aging and declining bodes ill for the future of Jews in the Soviet professional classes.

SPORTS ABROAD — BERNIE BERNIKER

NFL reserve system ruled illegal

THE U.S. NATIONAL FOOTBALL League's reserve system, under which players are bound to one team, was ruled last Friday to be a violation of the nation's antitrust laws by U.S. district court judge William T. Sweigert.

Judge Sweigert's ruling, released here, was issued in response to a suit brought two years ago by former quarterback Joe Kapp, who retired rather than sign the standard NFL contract which commits the player to the reserve system.

Kapp's suit was filed in March 1972 as a challenge to the methods by which the 26 NFL teams acquire players and its various contract requirements, rules by which a player may be traded or change teams.

The action zeroed in on the powers given to NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle and alleged that professional football had engaged in an illegal conspiracy to restrain trade and eliminate competition for players in violation of antitrust laws.

Kapp's suit encompasses many of the same complaints that spurred the unsuccessful 58-day NFL players association strike last summer.

Besides alleging violation of antitrust laws, Kapp also charged the Boston Patriots (now New England) with breach of contract. The suit stemmed from Rozelle's action in 1971 notifying the Patriots that Kapp could not train nor play with anyone until he signed a standard players contract.

The one-time California Rose Bowl star had signed a memo agreement with the Boston team which his attorney contended was a valid contract; the NFL said it wasn't. Kapp declined to turn in a signed standard contract and as a result was released and has not played football since.

Bulgaria's Denov (No. 10) during an attack on the Greek goal at the recent European National Soccer match in Athens. Greece won 2-1. (AP Radiophoto)

CRICKET

ENGLAND'S BATTING folded here yesterday before an aggressive, penetrative Australian attack in the third test.

England, sent in by Australian captain Ian Chappel, lost seven wickets for 176 runs at stumps.

John Edrich, who topscored with 44, was one of two batsmen to show feelings when given out caught at the wicket. Edrich walked away making it clear to the crowd of more than 77,000 that he disagreed with the umpire's decision.

Tony Greig, run out for 28, stood with his hand on his hips for about 30 seconds after the decision went against him. Greg Chappel walked over to Greig and words were exchanged before Greig angrily pulled off his gloves and left the field.

Spectators jumped the fence to halt play several times and one was carried from the field on a stretcher.

The last straw for England was losing Fred Titmus the last over of the day. Alan Knott stayed at the wicket for 80 minutes to remain 18 not out.

SOCCER

MORE THAN A QUARTER of England's lapsed soccer fans say they have stopped going to the games because of hooliganism among spectators.

The London "Daily Mail" ran a national opinion poll to find out why gates at league soccer games have fallen by more than five million in the last seven years.

Of the one-time regular fans who now never go to games, 28 per cent said it was because of hooliganism.

Other reasons were put forward, too: "Not enough time to go to soccer games," pleaded 29 per cent of those polled. Nineteen per cent said it was because soccer had deteriorated.

Thirty-nine per cent of the once-regular fans now watch television instead. Another 16 per cent said they go shopping on Saturdays, 19 per cent said they do jobs in the home and 15 per cent say they have to work.

Soccer standings after Saturday's games

First Division						
Ipswich Town	23	13	2	8	32	18	28
Everton	23	8	12	3	25	22	28
Manchester C	23	11	6	6	29	27	28
Liverpool	23	11	5	6	30	19	27
West Ham U.	23	10	7	6	40	30	27
Middlesbrough	23	10	7	6	35	27	27
Stoke City	23	10	7	6	37	30	27
Burnley	23	10	5	8	41	37	25
Newcastle U.	23	8	6	9	31	36	22
Derby County	23	8	7	7	34	31	23
Wolverhampton	23	7	9	6	29	27	23
Sheffield United	23	9	5	8	20	24	23
Leeds United	23	9	4	10	21	28	22
Birmingham C	23	9	4	10	34	36	22
Queens Park	23	8	5	10	25	31	21
Coventry City	23	6	8	9	30	40	20
Arsenal	23	7	5	10	26	27	19
Tottenham	23	7	5	11	25	33	19
Chelsea	23	5	9	8	24	37	19
Carlisle United	23	7	3	13	23	29	17
Leicester City	23	5	6	12	20	31	16
Luton Town	23	2	7	12	18	35	11
Second Division							
Manchester U.	23	15	5	3	39	17	35
Sunderland	23	12	6	4	28	16	30
Norwich City	23	10	8	4	31	19	28
West Bromwich	23	10	7	6	27	16	27
Hull City	23	8	9	6	27	26	25
Oxfor United	23	10	5	8	23	32	25

BOXING

MUHAMMAD ALI was named by the Boxing Writers Association on Monday as Fighter of the Year for 1974, during which he outpointed Joe Frazier and then knocked out George Foreman to regain the world heavyweight championship.

Ali will receive the Edward J. Neil award, named for the late Associated Press writer, at the group's 50th anniversary dinner next year. Ali also won the award in 1965.

Ali, who had lost to Frazier in 1971, scored a unanimous 12-round decision over Frazier in Madison Square Garden on January 28. Then, as a 3-1 underdog, he regained the title he first won in 1964, by knocking out George Foreman in the eighth round on October 30 in Zaire.

Foreman was fighter of the year in 1973.

BRAZIL'S AGING BOXING star Eder Jofre says he is willing to take another crack at a world title.

Jofre, 38, scored a convincing victory last Friday when he outpointed Venezuela's Niliberto Herrera, 15 years his junior, in a 10-round bout in Jundiai, Brazil.

Jofre, former world bantamweight and featherweighting champ, had said before the fight against Herrera he would only challenge the featherweight champion "if I feel that I'm still in shape."

After the fight, Jofre felt he had passed the test, and advised his new manager, Hugo Cunha, to challenge one of the current world champions in the featherweight class, Bobby Chacon, holder of the World Boxing Council title.

BASEBALL

BASEBALL OFFICIALS indicated that New Orleans and Seattle would be admitted to the U.S. Major Leagues in 1976.

Commissioner Bowie Kuhn said that four cities were seriously being considered for franchises. Besides New Orleans and Seattle, the commissioner said that Toronto and Washington were also being studied because their stadiums have either been completed or are under construction.

But there were indications that baseball was leaning toward Seattle, which lost its franchise to Milwaukee in 1970, and New Orleans, where the spectacular superdome stadium hovers near completion.

The expansion talk ballooned into reports of the possible establishment of a third league composed entirely of new franchises, but Kuhn shrugged off the suggestion as not serious.

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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Mart in slight fall

TEL AVIV. — Both index-linked bonds and stocks fell slightly yesterday. The turnover in stocks was IL1,269,500; of this, IL527,900 was in the variables.

Electric Corporation continued to drop, falling by 2.5 points to 134.5 with a turnover of 181,000; Bank Leumi lost one to 232 (38,000); Mizrahi Bearer remained at 162.5 (31,000); Delek gained 0.5 to 123.5 (22,000); Elco IL2.5 rose by five to 110 (36,000) and Bank Leumi Investment gained 0.5 to 187 (27,000).

All banks will be closed this Tuesday afternoon, December 31, and all day Wednesday, January 1, 1975, to allow them to prepare their annual balance sheets.

The general index of share prices fell by 0.04 per cent to stand at 258.94.

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DEBENTURES			
LINKED TO THE DOLLAR			
5% Dead Sea Junior	r	253	256.5
6% Electric Corp. A	r	166.5	167
6% Electric Corp. B	r	154	149.5
LINKED to the C.o.L. INDEX (Principal & Interest)			
Kitz 1965, Index 110.1	b	423	390.5
Bitahon 1968, Series 41	b	174.9	171
Bitahon 1969, Series 41	b	135.5	135
COMMERCIAL BANKS & BANKHOLDING COMPANIES			
Otzar Hityashvut	r	199	200
I.D.B. pref.	r	294	294
I.D.B. Bankholding	r	196	196
Union Bank	r	283	283
Discount Bank "A"	r	420	420
United Mizrahi Bank	b	162.5	162.5
Bank Hapoalim—10%	b	267	267
Bank Leumi "A"		233	233
MORTGAGE BANKS			
Gen. Mortgage Bank	b	261	260.5
Carmel Mortg. & Inv.	b	147	145
Dev. & Mortg. Bank	b	255	255
Housing Mortg. Bank	b	173.5	174.5
Tefahot 8%	b	217	220.5
Tefahot	b	217.5	216.5
SPECIALIZED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS			
Ind. & Dev. Bank 8%	r	67.5	68
Aryeh	r	312.5	311
Hassneh Insurance	b	214	214
Sahar—"C"	b	227.5	227
COMMERCIAL SERVICES & UTILITIES			
Motor House	b	71	71.5
Delek C.	r	123.5	123
Cold Storage—IL10	r	138	138
Israel Electric Corp.	r	184.5	137
Lighterage & Supply	r	136	136
LAND, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT AND CITRUS			
Agorim	r	116.5	124
Africa Isr. IL10	r	201	202
Isr. Land Dev.	b	108	106
Solel Boneh—10%	b	133	135
Property & Build.	r	182	180
Israel	b	108	108
Mehadrin	r	173.5	171.5
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	r	90	90
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	178.5	178.5
Neot Aviv	r	77	78
Pri Or Ltd.	r	156	147.5
Rassco—8%	r	75	75
Rassco—O.	r	55	54.5
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	456	456
Elco—2.5	b	110	105
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'Gov't not likely to extend ban on luxury imports'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Government is unlikely to continue the present six-month ban on "luxury" imports when it runs out in May, State Revenue Commissioner Moshe Neudorfer said on Wednesday.

Mr. Neudorfer told the monthly luncheon of the Working Women's Club at Beit Tavori here that the exporting countries were putting heavy pressure on Israel not to renew the ban. He did not think those who favoured continuing the ban — many of them women — stood much chance of influencing the government.

"But the ban will have served its purpose, anyhow," he said, "by having had the right psychological impact on the buying public."

On other aspects of economic policy, Mr. Neudorfer assured the public that the Finance Ministry "does not contemplate any change in the conditions of compulsory or voluntary loans on the market until now." But a special committee is studying the question of whether future loans would be linked to any kind of changeable index, as now. "The consensus in the Treasury is that taxes are preferable to loans," Mr. Neudorfer added.

Mr. Neudorfer said the income tax authorities have never used their legal right to question members of a family on their relatives' earnings. The problem received publicity when a Knesset member, in discussing a motion for a minor change in the law, asked to stipulate in writing that the authorities should not take evidence from one member of a family against another.

Kibbutz breeds trout for gourmets

By DAVID SLAV
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — Kibbutz Dan has achieved a surprising success in commercially breeding trout (*Salmo trutta pario*) in a subtropical climate, at the southernmost tip of the region where this fish lives.

The trout's origin is in the cold mountain streams of northern Europe. A gourmet's dish in many countries, trout need a year-round temperature of 14 degrees centigrade and running water, that completely changes over four to five times an hour. In Israel, these conditions prevail only in the Dan stream, a tributary to the Jordan.

During a tour this week, arranged by Meir Bar Ilan of the Agriculture Ministry's Department of Fisheries, newsmen were told that production and marketing would be stepped up to bring the present high price down. The present price is IL20 a kilogram, and luxury hotels and large airlines buy the bulk of the 50-ton annual output. Kibbutz fish breeders Uri Carmi and Moshe Lev said they could easily double that quantity without large investments.

Last year the kibbutz earned IL900,000 from trout breeding, and they expect to double that amount in the coming year. Trout can be exported only if it is smoked and trial consignments have been sent to Switzerland and Turkey.

$ 72m. grain contract signed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A $72m. two-year contract to bring about three million tons of grain to Israel, mainly from North America, was signed on Wednesday by Commerce Minister Haim Bar-Lev, the heads of the Zim and El Yam shipping companies and other officials. The two companies will transport the grain on a 50-50 basis.

The signing took place aboard the Zim bulk carrier Eilat, which arrived from the U.S. with 30,094 tons of soybeans. Captain Gera Levin was host.

Among the others participating in the signing were Yaacov Recanati for El Yam, and Zim board chairman David Elazar and general manager Yehuda Rotem.

According to ministry officials, the Government is now spending $350m. to $400m. annually for grains, and a total of $600m. for food imports including meat.

'Export-or-die': Gov't must give green light for investments

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

ISRAEL'S BIGGEST textile complex is Kitan-Bashan. It comprises Kitan-Dimona, Beit-Shean Textiles, and Nazareth Textiles, now merged into a single giant 4,000-worker firm, controlled by Clal Investments, and headed by Gdalya Doron.

"We produce 24m. metres of cloth a year," says Doron. "Marketing that quantity needs careful planning. If we had no sales for one month, we could pave the road to Eilat and back with the material on our hands."

Exports have declined by 10 per cent this year. Next year a further slight fall (in volume terms) is expected. Up to now there was a possibility of switching between local and foreign sales. "What we didn't export, we marketed locally," Doron explains.

Next year that flexibility will not exist. "We may have to sell our exports almost at a loss, just to keep production going. In the long term, this is no solution. The company may have to cut its labour force."

His company has a IL40m. investment plan — what is happening to that?

There are two schools of thought about recessions, he broods. The "catastrophic" view is that prices have tumbled, we must all stop investing. The "business-cycle" view is that what goes down is likely to go up again in due course. "I belong to the latter school, so go on investing." But the investment will be 25 per cent less than originally planned.

Kitan has a sense of responsibility to its workers, if only because in three separate development towns it is the biggest single employer. "We plan to open a supermarket in each of our plants, jointly with the workers' committee. It will stock basic foods, like meat, flour, oil and sugar, for sale to company personnel — at cost." In-plant clothing stores exist already, selling the company's own products. And that embraces a variety of garments, bedsheets and other household items, that would not shame the best textile shop in town.

Is there a reduction of business activity in the country at large? We consulted a banker, Aviezer Chelouche, head of Exchange National. He acknowledges that there is a greater liquidity. First, the devaluation prompted conversions into Israel pounds. Most of the money was re-invested in bonds, but some flowed to the money market. Second, demand for credit is down, and for three reasons: the six-month ban on the import of consumer durables; the cut in domestic consumption; and the tendency to shelve investment plans.

This is what concerns us — investment. Exchange National has only two branches so far, and is not expanding for the moment, because of the sag in its principal field of interest, the promotion of American investments in Israel. There are two causes: Israel's perilous defence situation, and the economic recession abroad. What about locally-financed investments? Three obstacles to-date — lack of labour, holdups to labour mobility, and an inadequate return on exports.

The danger facing Israel today is a slowdown on both fronts — local business and the export drive. Statistics for the first three-quarters of 1974 show a one per cent fall of exports (if measured by volume), compared with the pre-war period January-September 1973. Of course, more men are now in the forces, and more production goes to defence. But unless exports increase sharply, Israel is in for a long depression.

Not a single manufacturer among those we talked to believes that the devaluation improved export prospects. We saw no signs of any investment spurt in export industries (if we omit the State-owned heavy chemicals). Workers are going to become surplus in a good many companies serving the internal market during 1975. There are no signs that they can all be absorbed in the export sector. The atmosphere is one of marking time. Ministerial hints are dropped that something may be done any moment now, about those export premiums. But promises are not sufficient. People are waiting for a decision.

More optimistic is Avraham Friedman, veteran head of the Central Trade and Investment Company, now also Joint Managing Director of Clal. His firms remain successfully in the black. During the first half of this year, Clal made as much money as in all of 1973.

PURPOSE OF DEVALUATION

He says: "We go on investing as before, because we have faith that the Treasury and the Commerce Ministry understand the situation. The purpose of the devaluation was to make exports more profitable. I have no doubt that in the coming weeks additional steps will be taken to achieve that end. Meanwhile we are concentrating even more than previously on dollar-earning and dollar-saving projects."

Still, Clal is only investing "as before." The implication is, not more; and even that must be considered good, compared with other companies. Yet is it sufficient, under present circumstances? Says Friedman: "A decision by the Government (to improve the exchange-rate for exports) would give the green light — to us and to many other companies in Israel."

A green light for investments, everybody is waiting for that. It is the acid test for the Government's economic policy — whether investments (in the export sector) boom or not. Investment not only in goods for sale abroad, but investments (if possible) that themselves originate abroad. Mr. Friedman explains that foreign investment in Israel is important for two reasons: it overcomes the foreign currency bottleneck (shortage of foreign currency could actually hold up investments); and it brings in new technology. "If you buy know-how, you get it once only, and probably not the most up-to-date version.

"But if the firm possessing the know-how becomes partners with you, you get a constant flow of information, since methods change all the time, from year to year. Technology never stands still," Friedman says.

Yosef Pecker, head of Pecker Steel, is one of Israel's outstanding *sabra* technocrats. He owns a controlling interest in the family business, with Oscar Van Leer of Holland and Inland Steel of the U.S. (no less) as partners. He thinks that Israel has a capacity for bigger exports. But the slogan "Export-or-die" is not on the scene yet; and it cannot be, until the Government makes foreign sales attractive. By "attractive" Pecker means that exporting goods should become more profitable than selling them locally; and the plant's export costing should turn out to be favourable not just tomorrow, but in a year's time.

Supposing the Government yields to these importunities and gives the requisite green light — how to set about boosting the export business on a really serious scale? Mr. Pecker has thought up an important new idea, that deserves serious consideration in Israel's leading finance houses and investment trusts: the export manufacturing company.

It differs from the export merchanting company, which has become familiar in Israel, in that the export manufacturing company plans the commodity it wants to sell, but sub-contracts its production to existing outside factories.

In other words, the export manufacturing company would lay down specifications, as Marks and Spencer does when placing orders in Israel. It would have to plan, design, inspect, pack and market the end-product, under its own brand-name. "We do that ourselves," says Pecker. "We take our metal sheets to workshops, who do the further processing under our supervision. The system works. There is a tremendous reservoir of skilled technical capacity available in Israel.

"You'd be amazed to see how little manufacturing work the celebrated Caterpillar tractor company, for example, performs on its own premises in the U.S.," he added.

The challenge is to form business companies of this kind, which should have the marketing knowledge and engineering qualifications to set up ambitious manufacturing projects, without the need for massive investment in premises, machinery or training programmes. Reduced demand on the local market makes it possible to re-adjust Israel's existing production facilities to a new function, technology-intensive and export-oriented — provided the right sponsoring ventures can be created.

This is the final article in a series of three. The two previous articles were published on December 8 and 15.

WALL STREET

Moderate advance

NEW YORK (AP). — The stock market kept the momentum of Tuesday's upturn going yesterday, with another moderate advance in slow trading. Gainers held a wide lead over losers on the New York Stock Exchange.

Most of the gain came in the first half of the session. Brokers gave part of the credit to encouragement over the mild Christmas Eve rally. By late afternoon, prices had pulled back from their best levels.

Analysts noted some cautious anticipation of new economic and leading energy proposals from President Ford, who is to meet with leading advisers to discuss those subjects over the next few days.

Egypt holds key: Allon

(Continued from page 4)

gest that the Geneva Conference is non-existent. It exists — as a framework, an idea, a spirit, but not necessarily as the only setting or procedure, through which negotiations between the parties can be carried out. The separation of forces negotiations with Egypt, for example, took place at Kilometre 101 and were signed there. The negotiations with Syria were carried on through Dr. Kissinger's shuttle diplomacy, and were only signed in Geneva. And for all that, these agreements are integral parts of the Geneva Conference.

Therefore, the Geneva Conference must be preserved for functions which it can fulfil; that is to say: It should be convened only after the groundwork has already been laid for the concluding stages and signatures. Any premature attempt to reconvene it can only result in damaging its declared objectives, and even in its destruction.

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(The role of the super-powers:) In theory, at least, the United States and the Soviet Union may fulfil a key role in bringing peace to the Middle East. But their competition for influence in the area is just as likely to undermine a settlement, whether on purpose or by accident.

As the situation is today, there is no symmetry between the two. The United States maintains relations with all the States in the area, and particular close ties with Israel on the one hand, and a number of important Arab States on the other.

The Soviet Union, on the other hand, is connected with only one side of the dispute, and even within the Arab camp she prefers the most extreme and obstinate elements. I doubt whether the Soviet Union is really interested in a renewed conflagration in the area, from the point of view of her own global considerations. However, her behaviour so far suggests that she is not genuinely interested in establishing true peace.

So long as the Soviet Union continues this partisan policy, she is not able and will not be able to fulfil a positive role in promoting peace in the area. Israel does not oppose the Soviet Union as such. We still remember the vital military and politcal aid which the Soviet Union granted us in the bitter days of the War of Independence. But we cannot accept her predisposition against us and the stance she almost automatically adopts, in support of our enemies. Like many others, we have reservations about the Soviet régime, and are deeply troubled by the rulers' treatment of their brothers in their country. But this is nothing new, and is in no way connected with diplomatic relations.

If I believed that a call by Israel could encourage Moscow and the nations of East Europe to renew their relations with Israel, I would issue one without hesitation, even from this rostrum. But unfortunately, I suspect, and what I have to say is not based on pure guesswork, such an approach is not likely to succeed at this moment. The Soviet Union knows very well that our doors are open to renewal of relations with her, despite all the difficulties which that would entail.

Despite the criticism, some justified, some less so, the international system at present is characterized by détente. If the principles of this détente were applied to the Middle East as well, they would probably make a significant contribution to creating an atmosphere more conducive to reconciliation between the Arab States and Israel. On the other hand, if the spirit of détente does not prevail in so vital and sensitive an area as the Middle East, harm is likely to be caused, with the passage of time, in other areas of the world as well.

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In conclusion, I will return to the main subject at hand — the possibility of negotiations for an interim agreement.

Assessing the prospects of these negotiations is not a matter for a subjective approach, whether optimistic or pessimistic. Objectively, at least, agreement is possible: The mutual interest exists; the physical conditions make it feasible. Israel's readiness is assured, of her own free will, and authorized Egyptian leaders, including President Sadat, have also lately been heard to speak — even though not sufficiently unequivocally — in favour of a step-by-step approach.

Complete pessimism, therefore, which declares that such negotiations are utterly impossible in the near future, seems exaggerated. At the same time, there is room for serious concern that the gap between the Egyptian and Israeli demands will prove to be wide and deep, perhaps too wide and too deep. But, again, when the negotiations for separation of forces began, the gap was no less deep and nevertheless a road to compromise was found.

Therefore, it would be better to give the political process a chance and to leave the question of probabilities to the real test of negotiations, for which there is no substitute. Both sides should be guided by a readiness to try; by a desire to understand and take into consideration the needs of the other party — while not overlooking their own vital interests; and by a courage to take the risks entailed in making progress by the political route. The alternative for both sides is cruel and sterile.

As for Israel, these considerations are decisive. If we arrive at an interim agreement, in the spirit of the principles which I have outlined, this may gradually pave the way to peace. But if the other party refuses to negotiate, or if it demands one-sided concessions without displaying readiness to make an appropriate contribution in return, we, our children and our friends all over the world, will at least know that we did everything in our power; and that the other side is responsible for the stalement and its consequences.

I need not explain how important this is to us morally, politically and not least, from the security point of view.

Venezuela bill will nationalize U.S. oil holdings

NEW YORK (AP). — The draft of a bill to complete the nationalization of American oil holdings in Venezuela is being submitted to President Carlos Andres Perez next Monday.

Perez is expected to present the bill to the Venezuelan Congress in March. It was prepared by a 36-man commission he appointed shortly after he took office last March with a pledge to nationalize the oil and iron ore industries and make the country economically independent.

The government has promised the oil companies "fair" compensation but said it would not exceed the net book value. The industry is now largely owned by 19 foreign oil companies, including Exxon, Shell, Mobil, Sun, Gulf and Texaco. The oil companies claim assets of about $5b., but the official book value is about $1.3b.

Venezuela's average daily output is more than 3 barrels.

The U.S. is the largest customer, buying about 1.5m. barrels daily. About 350,000 barrels are shipped to Canada and another 270,000 barrels go to the European Common Market. The rest is sold to Latin American neighbours or used domestically.

The Government last January 1 took over 60 per cent of the Shell Co. of Qatar and the Qatar Petroleum Co., whose owners include British Petroleum, Compagnie Francaises des Petroles, Royal Dutch Shell, Exxon and Mobil.

Egypt to get Yamaha cycles

CAIRO (UPI). — The Japanese motorcycle firm Yamaha has signed a contract with an Egyptian company to mass produce motorcycles for Egypt and other Middle Eastern countries, two Cairo newspapers said yesterday.

Yamaha, the second leading motorcycle manufacturer in the world, will help produce 1,000 cycles a month, later increasing the output to 10,000.

The joint venture was expected to begin next year, "Al Gomhouria" and "Al Ahram" said.

Cadillacs don't suffer from Detroit's blues

DETROIT (AP). — Recession and slumping sales have cast dark shadows over most of the auto industry, but at Cadillac the lights are burning brightly and assembly lines hum into the night. While industry-wide sales of new models are down 30 per cent from a year ago, Cadillac deliveries in early December were up 18 per cent. The reason?

"Inflation and bad economic conditions aren't going to affect the average Cadillac customer as much as other people," says a spokesman for the General Motors Luxury Car Division. "Eventually the economy could catch up with us, but so far we don't see any signs it will."

Another industry spokesman observes, "The luxury car buyer can afford his purchase, and if his mind is set, he's going to buy no matter what."

Sales of Cadillac's chief competitor, Ford's Lincoln Continental, also are bucking the industry-wide trend. Lincoln deliveries in the last month were up 8 per cent from the year before, when the energy crisis sent sales in all segments plummeting.

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MECHANICS vs EL AL

ONCE again a section of El Al workers is trying to hold the national carrier to ransom. This time it is the line mechanics who for the second time in four months have launched a go-slow strike.

As before, it is difficult for the public to know precisely what the strike is all about, since the workers seek to conceal their real demands from public view. In this case they even claim that they are not on a go-slow routine but working as usual, which must have sounded rather unconvincing yesterday to the group of Christian pilgrims who were helplessly left waiting all day from the morning hours for the El Al jumbo jet that was to take them back to Europe.

What has surfaced is a demand for more workers to share the load. But since aircraft mechanics in Israel are snapped up *faster than they can be produced*, the strikers know that their real demand is for more pay.

Admittedly their tasks are skilled and not easy. They rotate on round-the-clock shifts, working in all kinds of weather. They *should* be suitably compensated. If they believe that their pay is lower than is justified by the nature of their work or in terms of the wages earned by other sections of the airlines' employees, such claims can be pressed in legitimate fashion.

Instead, the line mechanics have adopted sanctions, without approval of the Histadrut, designed to upset El Al's flight schedules and cause *suffering* to passengers at the height of the winter tourist season.

It is an action that causes serious losses to the airline, at a time when no Israel enterprise nor the country as a whole can afford it. The public understands this well enough, and perhaps it is because the strikers realize their action cannot enjoy any public support that they are reluctant to admit to the fact of the strike and the precise nature of their *demands*.

El Al and the Government have rightly determined to take a firm line, preferring to cease *the carrier's* flights altogether if the strike continues rather than to lose even more money and passenger good-will by operating without a reliable schedule.

Certainly at a time when world tourism is depressed and all airlines are suffering, El Al and Israel's tourist industry, with their own special problems, can ill afford such a further blow.

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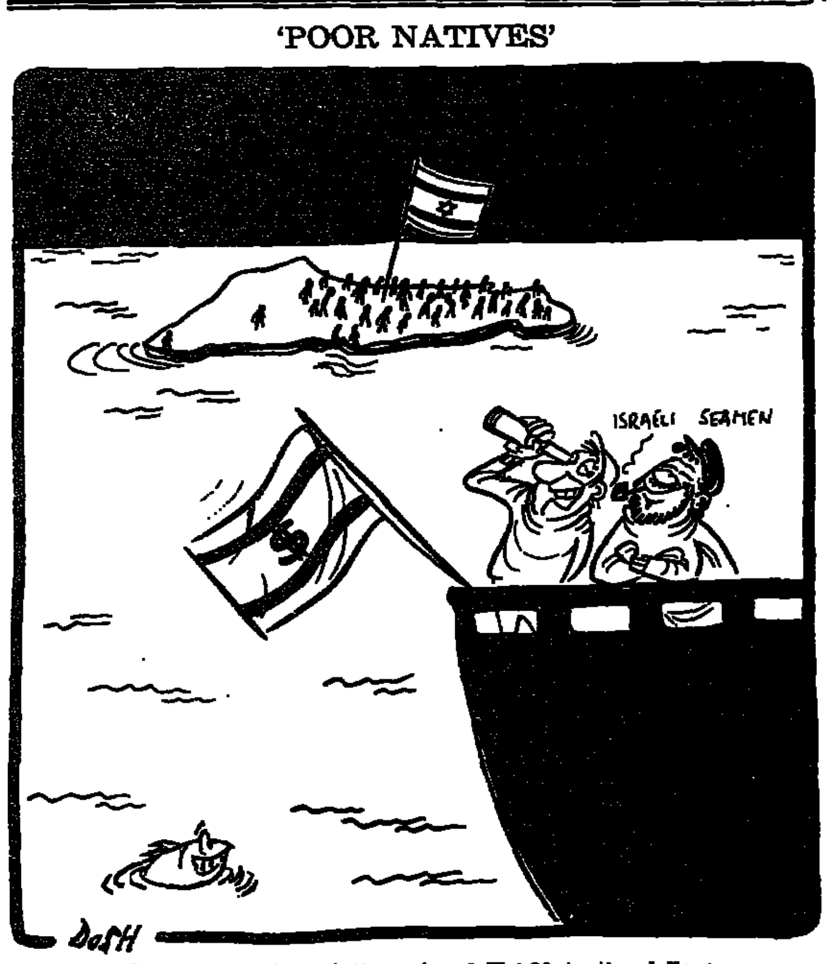

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Postpone Allon's U.S. visit

DAVAR (Histadrut) recommends that Foreign Minister Allon put off his forthcoming visit to the U.S. until after Brezhnev's visit to Cairo. "The possibilities for Israel to make concessions for the next stage of a settlement with Egypt differ in present circumstances from what they would be if Egypt returned to the Soviet orbit, with all that this implies. Consequently proposals concerning Israel which Allon made during his last visit to Washington may no longer be relevant. It is doubtful whether political talks before that time would serve any useful purpose."

HA'ARETZ (independent), discussing suggested transport restrictions, hopes the Cabinet will reject the recommendation of the Ministerial Committee on Fuel Saving that private cars be banned from the roads on alternate Saturdays. "The recommendation stems from purely political motives and not from considerations of fuel saving, and does not take into account the public's needs. Proposals to ban transport on Saturday have been rejected in the past on the grounds that there is no public transport on that day. This situation has not changed, and there is no justification for banning private cars."

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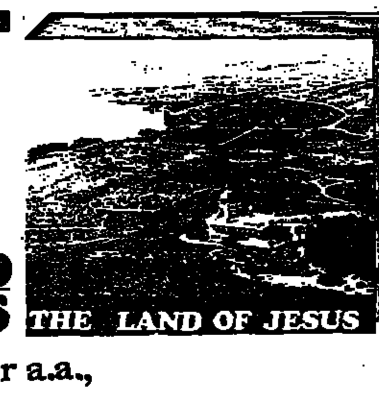

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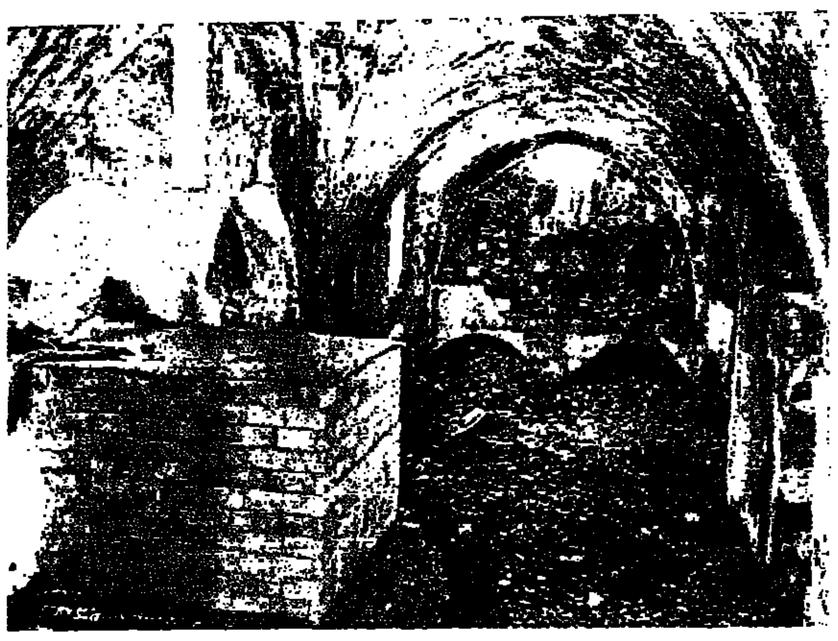

The Yohanan Ben-Zakkai synagogue in the Old City, before reconstruction.

The Unesco decision to censure Israel was based on the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, which was breached, it was alleged, by Israel's dig at the Western Wall. PHILIP GILLON discusses the Unesco action with Professor AVRAHAM BIRAN, former Director of the Department of Antiquities and Museums.

The synagogue as it is now. (Weiss)

THE HAGUE CONVENTION for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict was negotiated in 1954, and was signed by most countries in the world, including Israel.

The Convention defines cultural property as "monuments of architecture, art or history, whether religious or secular; archaeological sites; groups of buildings which, as a whole, are of historical or artistic interest; works of art; manuscripts, books and other objects of artistic, historical or archaeological interest; as well as scientific collections of books or archives or of reproductions of the property defined above; buildings whose main and effective purpose is to preserve or exhibit the movable cultural property defined above, such as museums, large libraries and depositories of archives, and refuges intended to shelter, in the event of armed conflict, the movable cultural property defined above..."

The Convention sets up a machinery for putting these excellent sentiments into effect. An international representative of Unesco is appointed to investigate complaints, and each country appoints a local representative to watch over his countrymen's handling of cultural property.

Following the war in June 1967, the Unesco delegate was Dr. Hank Reinink, of Holland, formerly Director of the Ministry of Culture in The Hague and member of the team responsible for the rescue of the monuments of Abu Simbel from the flooding resulting from the building of the Aswan Dam. Israel's representative is Professor Avraham Biran, who has just retired from his post as Director of the Department of Antiquities and Museums after 13 years of service, to become the Director of the Nelson Glueck School of Biblical Archaeology.

Dr. Biran points out that no mention is made in the Hague Convention prohibiting archaeological excavations, although the subject was discussed before the Convention was passed. The omission was deliberate, because the signatories realized that controlled archaeological digs are the best way of preserving cultural treasures.

"For example," he says, "the ring just found at the Southern Wall dig probably represents the Church of the Holy Sepulchre as it was in the Sixth Century C.E. If it had not been discovered during a controlled dig, it would probably have been looted and sold, as happens to so many treasures all over the world. That is why we apply so strictly the law protecting archaeological discoveries during building. I can give you an example of something that went the other way.

"*Kathleen Kenyon reports* in 1968 about her dig in Jerusalem prior to the Six Day War, when she was excavating the Ophel, the original city of the Jebusites and David. In her article she produces photographs of the Ophel, bare as it was in 1961, and as it was six years later, covered with houses. She remarks," Our excavations came just in time." In other words, if she had not excavated the site, before the Arab authorities permitted it to be built up, the ancient monumental remains of the Canaanite and Israelite city would have been lost forever."

Kathleen Kenyon went on with her dig after the Six Day War and, in a book just published, "Digging Up Jerusalem," says in her preface: "Our planned excavations for 1967 had to be adjusted to meet the situation created by the June 1967 war. It did in fact prove possible to begin our excavations only a month late. We had to adjust our plan to problems of new one-way streets, new sudden curfews, but, with certain frustrations, we carried out the greater part of our programme." In thanking the Jordanian authorities for their continuous help during the 1961-66 excavations she makes a point of the attitude of the Director of Jordan's Department of Antiquities, who "recognized that it was in the interests of science that we should complete our planned programme of excavations." Apparently in the same spirit she states that the work in July-August 1967 "was only possible because we received the fullest possible support of the Israeli Department of Antiquities and its Director, Dr. Biran."

"This hardly indicates that we wanted to damage Arab cultural property," notes Professor Biran.

Dr. Reinink visited Israel three or four times a year to investigate whether Israel was honouring the Hague Convention. Some complaints had been made to him from time to time. He was always satisfied that no infringement of the Convention was taking place.

As for Professor Mazar's dig at the Wall, one need only quote from the latest report on Jewish excavations issued in May 1974, following two investigations made by Mr. Raymond Lemaire on behalf of the Director General of Unesco (in December 1973 and April 1974). The report contains the following statements:

"Criticisms levelled at the methods used in the excavations are groundless. The excavations are being carried out by a perfectly well qualified team of experts... who are extremely attentive to all aspects and to all the periods of which *remains have been found* on the site. The same care is expended on the preservation of remains of the Ommayad palaces as on those of the Herodian period.

"Carried out with the utmost care and employing the most expert methods, these excavations have already led to discoveries of the greatest importance in relation to the history of Jerusalem.

"The Arabs allege that the aim of the dig is to prove the Jewish affinity to Jerusalem. For this we don't need archaeological evidence; it is sufficient to open any prayer-book, or to read the Bible, or any history book. Archaeology in Israel is not concerned with the Jewish past only, but with digging up the past of mankind. Archaeology reveals the physical evidence of the past as recorded in history, and corrects misconceptions. Anything we discover in this country is of vital significance to Jews, Christians and Moslems alike."

Biran *gives some examples*. The discovery of the ossuary of Yochanan in a northern suburb of Jerusalem gave the world the first example of a crucified man during the period of the end of the Second Temple — in other words, the beginning of the Christian era. Again, it was known that Abd el Malik, builder of the Dome of the Rock popularly known as the Mosque of Omar, was one of the mighty builders of the Holy City, but nobody knew that he had constructed large edifices, palaces or caravanserais around the Temple Mount, till the Mazar dig uncovered evidence. A recent discovery of a *monumental inscription in* a tomb attributed by some scholars to be that of Mattityahu Antigonus, the last of the Macabbees, added greatly to the *knowledge of the period. It* was always assumed that Robinson's Arch — so-called because it was discovered by Edward Robinson — spanned the *Tyropoeon Valley: Mazar's* excavations revealed that a Herodian road went through the valley, with steps going up to a platform and the Temple Mount. Another discovery made by Professor Avigad was of the remains of the apse of the huge Nea Church built by the Emperor Justinian, known previously only through the Madaba Map and historical records.

The list goes on and on. There is no shred of evidence of the slightest damage to Moslem, Christian or anybody else's cultural treasures through the excavations.

"There is a vague allegation that we are destroying cultural treasures through building in Jerusalem, and so altering the character of the Holy City," says Professor Biran. "It is a matter of opinion whether a skyline is better for being frozen, or whether a city should live and grow. And what is the ideal Jerusalem skyline? As it was in 1967? Or in 1948? The Old City skyline was changed by the destruction of the Hurva and Sephardi synagogues and destruction of the Jewish Quarter. Is that the character of Jerusalem we are called on to preserve?"

But of course nobody minds what Arabs do to Jewish property, or to Jews personally. To apply Abba Eban's quip, the leaders of the world responsible for culture and education would have expelled Israel, at the request of their Arab and Soviet masters, if told to do so, because Israelis believe that the world is round. Aesop's wolf can always find a reason to eat the lamb.

Excavations near the Western Wall. (Rubinger)

POSTSCRIPTS

JERUSALEM was indeed a city of peace last Wednesday. Church bells chimed their message of goodwill. The minarets of the mosques were wreathed in coloured lights. And Jews thronged the streets of the Old City, bringing flowers and gifts to their Arab friends, both Moslem and Christian. The festive atmosphere of Christmas and Id el Adha was tangible everywhere, the only shops open belonging to Armenians or members of the Eastern Churches who celebrate Christmas on a later date.

Several groups representing workers' committees from factories employing both Jewish and Arab staff could be seen asking the way to certain homes, in order to bring gifts and good wishes from their fellow workers in West Jerusalem. In some living rooms, the Jewish guests outnumbered the Arab visitors who sat and chatted in good fellowship over Turkish coffee and oriental sweetmeats.

It was hard to believe that only three days earlier a bomb had been thrown at a busload of pilgrims in nearby Azariyeh village. As one Arab friend said to us: "There have never been so many Jewish well-wishers coming to see us as this year. At least on this double festival, Allah has blessed our lovely city." G.W.

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BACKING FOR A BILL to give rent relief to elderly New Yorkers living in rent-controlled apartments if they earn less than $6,500 a year is being given by the American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress.

The two organizations pointed out to the New York City Council "that the elderly poor cannot afford to pay the rent increases and soon many will be faced with the choice of either cutting back on food so they can pay for their increased rent, or eviction." The Council was told that if rent relief was not forthcoming and such elderly people had to sacrifice their nutritional needs, this would eventually cost the City of New York much more in supporting them under Medicaid.

Here in Israel we are so accustomed to thinking of these Jewish organizations in relation to their purely Jewish and pro-Israel activities, that it is of interest to learn something of their work on behalf of their fellow American citizens.

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THE PICTURESQUE WINDMILL is having wind put into its sails again, now that the oil crisis is making the Western world take a second look at any alternative source of energy.

The U.S. National Science Foundation and NASA have awarded two half-million dollar contracts for new designs for large wind energy systems. The idea is to have windmills able to generate from 100 kilowatts to 3 megawatts, sufficient to supply power to 200 homes. The latter would have to have rotor blades of some 60 metres in diameter.

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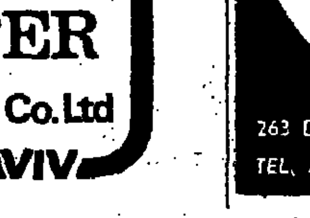

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PORTION OF THE WEEK

Money and learning

Sidra: Vayehi (Genesis 47:28-50)

ISSACHAR WAS JACOB'S fifth son and Zevulun the sixth. Then why, the ancient Rabbis ask, did Jacob, in his deathbed blessing of his children, bless Zevulun before Issachar? — "Zevulun shall dwell by the seashore, he shall be a haven for ships, and his flank shall rest on Sidon. Issachar is a strongboned ass, crouching between the saddlebags..."

In Moses's blessing, too, we read (Deuteronomy 33:18-19): "Rejoice, O Zevulun, on your journeys, and Issachar in your tents..."

Deborah and Barak, in their triumphal song, also sing the praises of Zevulun before Issachar (Judges 5).

The Rabbis explain (Bereshit Rabba 72:5 and 99:9 and Yalkut Shimoni, Bereshit, 161): Zevulun is blessed first because the tribe of Zevulun engaged in commerce while the tribe of Issachar engaged in scholarship, and Zevulun supported Issachar. Furthermore, the Issacharites were farmers, whose produce was marketed by the neighbouring Zevulunites.

Thus, a classic partnership was formed of trader and farmer — who cannot really live without each other — and money and learning — the former making the latter possible and the latter making the former meaningful.

And in I Chronicles 12 we read of the tribal groups who came to Hebron to support King David in the establishment of the United Kingdom of Israel: "...Of Issachar, whose tribesmen were skilled in reading the signs of the times to discover what course Israel should follow: 200 chiefs, with all their kinsmen; of Zevulun, 50,000 troops well drilled for battle, armed with every kind of weapon, bold and single-minded..." M.K.

READERS' LETTERS

NEVER ON ALTERNATE SATURDAYS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am pleased to note that at last the Government has found an answer to the problems of labour mobility, absenteeism and productivity — banning the use of vehicles every second Saturday. No doubt this will encourage every hard-working Israeli to take off sufficient time during the week to visit the beach, to get to his family, raise his morale to face another week of work.

Please convey my thanks to N.R.P. for their contribution to national unity.

O. KAH[illegible]

Holon, December 25.

BERLYNE ON FUNERALS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Alex Berlyne's article on funerals (December [illegible]) was amusing. When we lived in Baltimore, Maryland, the local Jewish paper carried an advertisement "We cater Shivas." The atmosphere in the house of mourning was often like that of a wedding. The food was served elegantly. Only the orchestra was missing. But, I am sure that it is only a matter of time...

STANLEY LE[illegible]

Ramat Hasharon, December 20.

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JOE CHUKWU MADUEKWE [illegible] Postal Agency, 12 Udenwa Street, [illegible] Haven, Enugu, Nigeria, is a [illegible] writer and broadcaster who would like to correspond with Israelis to [illegible] learn about our social life.

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